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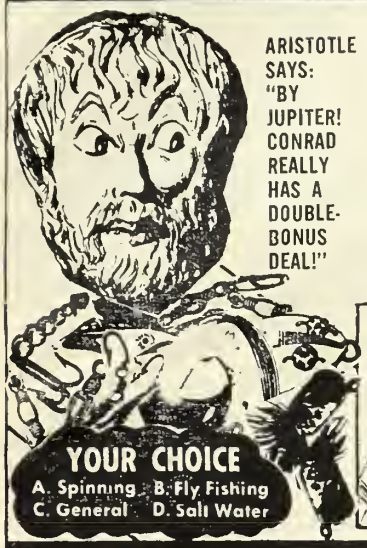

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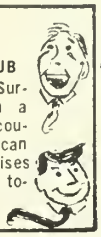

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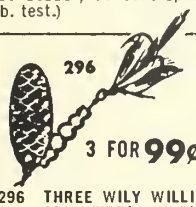

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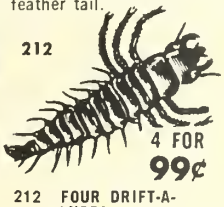

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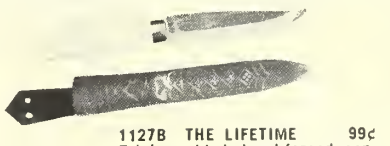

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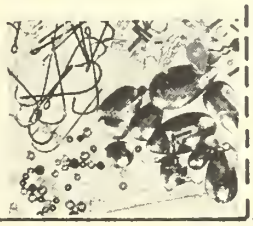

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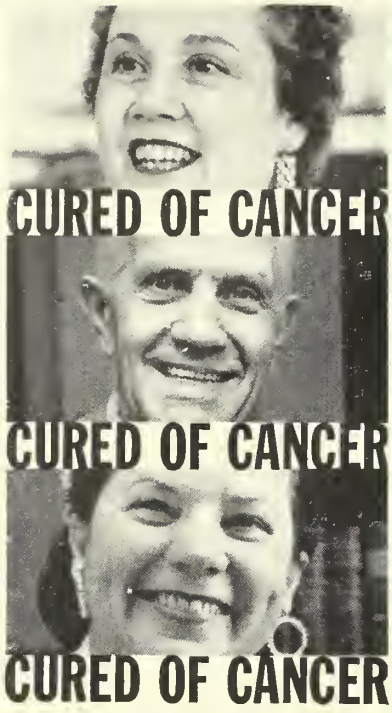

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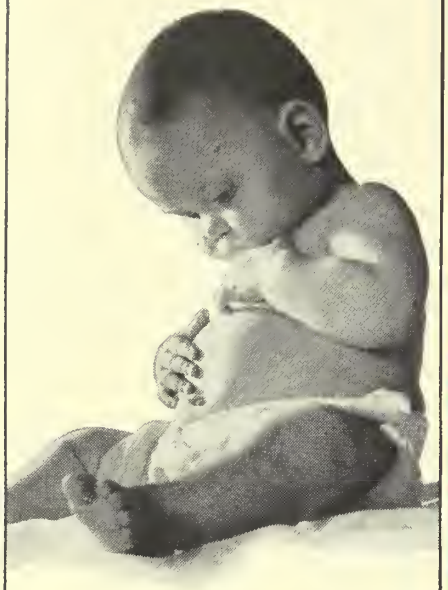

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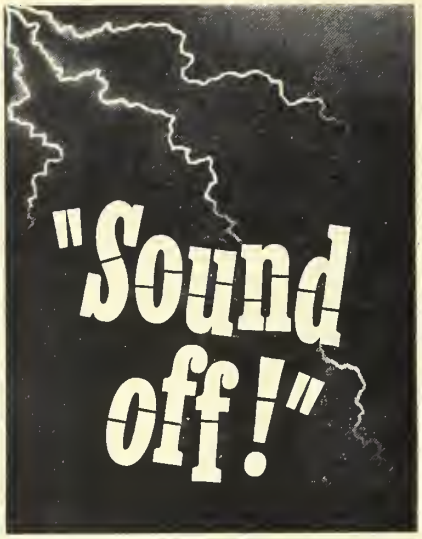

INVITATION TO AUSTRALIA

Sir: Many thousands of those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area will remember the Melbourne Cup, Australia's premier turf event, and the wide interest it held throughout Australia, with troops and civilians alike. The Victoria Racing Club is staging the 100th Melbourne Cup on the first Tuesday of next November and we have remembered, with appreciation, the many American servicemen whom we were privileged to have with us during the conflict. My committee believes the Melbourne Cup will hold happy, nostalgic memories for great numbers of your forces and that many might take the opportunity offered by the occasion to revisit friends and relatives in Australia, or to assess the business possibilities of this rapidly developing nation, and see the historic race while they are here. The Centenary Melbourne Cup will carry a stake of $25,000. It will be run at Flemington Racecourse, Melbourne, and the Victoria Racing Club is planning a week of racing pageantry it believes will be unsurpassed. May I assure all of you how pleased we would be to have you—and perhaps your families—with us during the Centenary Melbourne Cup Carnival.

T. C. Manifold
Chairman
Victoria Racing Club
Melbourne, Australia

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Sir: When I read "The American Eagle—Is It Doomed?" in the December issue, I was truly shocked. Can this be happening? Can a nation's people really be so stupid? Are we going to allow this noble bird to become extinct? The slaughter must be stopped. We must raise the fines for killing these birds, and even provide jail sentences for such killing. Jail sentences are provided for certain cases of out-of-season deer killings. Why not for those who would destroy our national emblem? Increase the fines to $1,000 or more. Stop the use of DDT in our rivers. Other insecticides are as effective and not so harmful to fish and other animals. It's not too late—let's do something.

John O'Shea
Brownwood, Tex.

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Sir: The article "They Are Still in Siberia" carries a message for the entire world. It is hard to believe that such a horror, as revealed in the article, can exist in our great Christian civilization. It is a mistake to say that crime doesn't pay. It is paying the biggest dividends in history, and it is making human life the cheapest thing on earth. More than 20 million people lost their lives in the criminal holocaust that we call World War II, all of this for the great privilege of receiving as a "brother" the man who inherited the result of our betrayal.

S. L. McCartney
Zachary, La.

LIST WANTED

Sir: You should print a list of presidents of colleges and universities who oppose loyalty oaths. Then develop some kind of campaign to prevent the eggheads from using their influence on Congress to get the law changed so that tax money can be lent without a loyalty oath from the beneficiaries.

George H. Hopkins
Whitehall, N. Y.

OPPOSES REGISTRATION

Sir: I have read the statement of Mr. Frank J. Schira, president of the National Police Officers Association of America, in your "Rod and Gun Club" for December, and I think it is a fine expression with the exception of his reference to firearms registration. I hope that my fellow Legionnaires will familiarize themselves with the dangers of registration and oppose it. I think it should be Legion policy to oppose governmental restrictions on the purchase and registration of personal weapons of any type.

Roger L. Garbee
Springfield, Mo.

STUCK-UP MOOSE

Sir: The letters entitled "Pro-Archery" in your December issue reminded me that this fall a live moose was seen with two arrows in its body in the Maine woods. Moose are protected in this State; so it seems to me that this incident reflects upon the "power and deadliness of the bow and arrow" as well as upon the good sportsmanship (?) of the archer or archers who shot the moose.

A. S. Hocker
Westbrook, Maine

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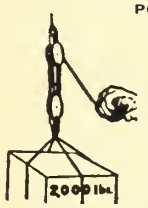

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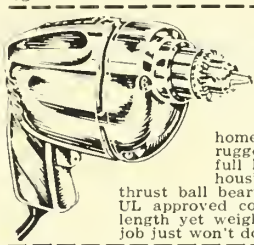

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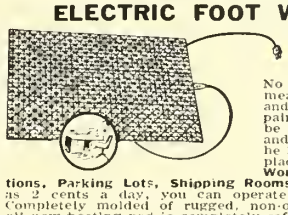

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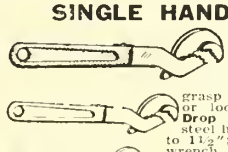

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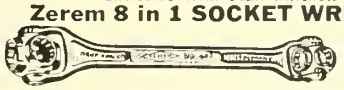

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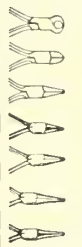

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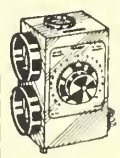

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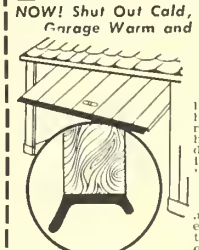

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EDITOR'S CORNER

LOYAL SONS OF SIWASH

Some of our very best (known) academicians have been garnering reams of publicity lately by their outspoken opposition to loyalty oaths and affidavits for college students. Which all goes to prove, once again, that consistency is an uncommon virtue on certain campuses.

Look up commencement and other speeches made by these pedantic gentlemen and, dollars to doughnuts, you'll find they are foursquare and adamant for "academic freedom." Further research will doubtless disclose their unswerving devotion to the principle that the prime aim of any college or university is to get the students to think and make decisions for themselves.

But in this case, the prexies have done the students' thinking for them — and have made the decision. So, on certain highly touted campuses, the students will not be given the opportunity to say whether or not they are loyal Americans. The prexies have spoken! They are not going to have their students becoming controversial figures by saying they are loyal to the United States of America. Not for all the gold in Fort Knox!

However, we think that Drs. Griswold, Pusey, and Goheen — and the pedants who play follow-the-leader to this Ivy League trio — should be consistent.

When are these people going to become equally indignant about the way in which college people, from matriculating freshmen to the oldest living grads, are imposed upon by those who exploit loyalty to Alma Mater? Periodically, at such times as Homecoming Day, Alumni Week, the Day of the Big Game, and such like, students and alumni are reminded of the old elms, the Green and Garnet, the ivy-covered walls, the big red team, the roaring lion, the belligerent bulldog, and other academic fetishes. After the men of Old Siwash have been beaten into a sentimental pulp by these reminders, and after a few stanzas of the Old School Song have been intoned, the money raisers move in and loudly proclaim that all those present have a loyalty to Alma Mater that must be expressed by Giving Till It Hurts.

The most obvious and corniest gimmicks are used to exploit loyalty to Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Old Siwash, Pratfall Tech, or what have you. But have you ever heard Drs. Goheen, Pusey, Griswold, or their imitators bewailing this sort of academic flag waving? We think it is high time these gentlemen issued some statements about *that* kind of loyalty, denouncing it as infantile, maudlin, and entirely unworthy of educated people. Further, we think they should have the intestinal fortitude to refuse moneys that come to their institutions from people who have been pressured and victimized by this patently absurd and artificial brand of loyalty.

ACLU PRO-LOVE

Our friends at the American Civil Liberties Union are now operating as assistants to Cupid, promoting and protecting romance. It seems that a couple of Pittsburgh women were convicted more than a year ago of fraudulently accepting $21,000 in relief money. The two ladies had 10 children between them, but neither of them had gone through the formalities of matrimony. So a judge issued a probationary order forbidding them to have any more children until they are married. The women violated the order by becoming pregnant once again, and they were sent to jail. This aroused the justice-loving romantics at the American Civil Liberties Union. Making anyone refrain from extramarital activities, according to ACLU concepts, violates "a fundamental aspect of personal liberty." The case of the romancing ladies, the ACLU says, will be fought to the State Supreme Court if necessary.

COOK'S TOUR

Fifteen years ago a fellow named Fred J. Cook went to work for the *New York World-Telegram* as a crime reporter. A couple of years ago he blossomed out with a surprising book titled *The Unfinished Story of Alger Hiss*, which purported to show that that character should never have been found guilty. Possibly because this demonstrated that Cook's heart was in the right place, other writing assignments were forthcoming. A few months ago, for example, one of his essays, a bitter attack on J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, appeared in *The Nation*, a publication held in high esteem by intelleftuals. Last October, this same publication turned an entire issue over to Cook and a fellow reporter named Gene Gleason, featuring a thing they did in tandem called "The Shame of New York."

Apparently with an eye to promoting sales of *The Nation*, Cook and Gleason went on a TV show where Cook said that his buddy Gleason had been offered a bribe by a New York City official who wanted them to lay off. The next day the two were questioned by District Attorney Frank Hogan, and Gleason retracted his story. The *World-Telegram and Sun* promptly fired both reporters, Cook because he had not reported the alleged bribe to his city desk. Now the Newspaper Guild is fighting to get Cook reinstated. We wonder about this. As far as *The Nation* is concerned, we don't even wonder. The important thing in writing for that publication is obviously The Message.

BRIEFLY

ABOUT BOOKS

Reading matter that may interest you.

War Crimes Discreetly Veiled, by F. J. P. Veale. DEVIN-ADAIR, $4. A "revisionist" account of certain phases of World War II which the public either does not know or misunderstands.

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The Life and Times of Theodore Roosevelt, by Stefan Lorant. DOUBLEDAY & CO., $15. One hundred and fifty thousand words and 750 pictures about President Roosevelt and his colorful and turbulent era.

Up From Liberalism, by William F. Buckley, Jr. MCDOWELL, OBOLENSKY, $3.50. The editor of *National Review* discusses the activities of those who like to refer to themselves as "liberals."

Poor No More, by Robert Ruark. HENRY HOLT & CO., $5.95. A novel about a boy who goes from rags to riches, but not in the Horatio Alger tradition.

The John Franklin Letters. THE BOOKMAILER, $2. What happens to the U.S. between 1957 and 1976, as described in letters from a fictional John Franklin. What happens to the U.S., incidentally, is not good.

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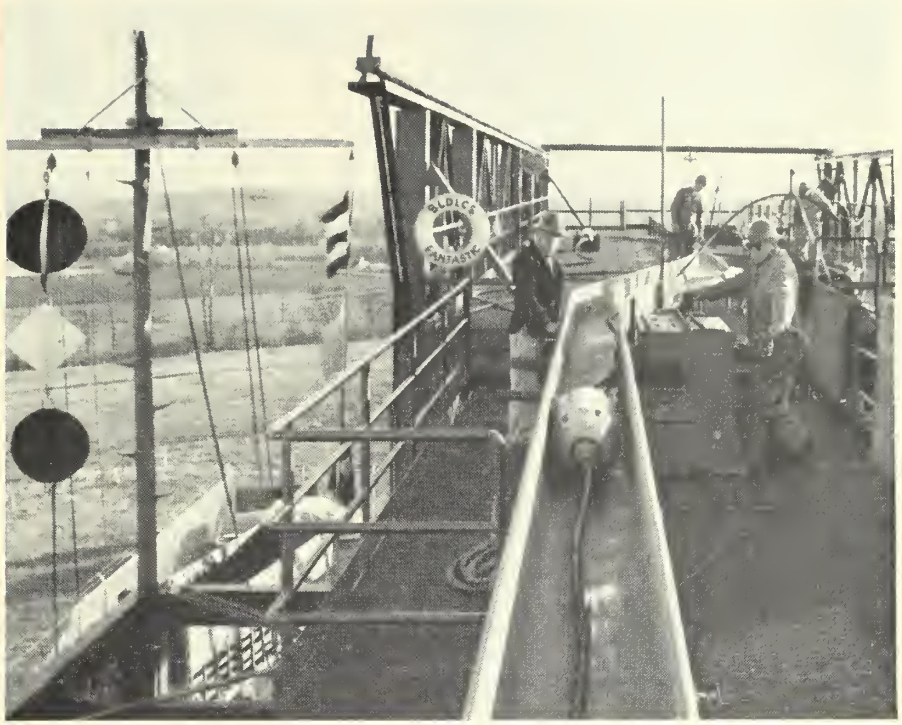

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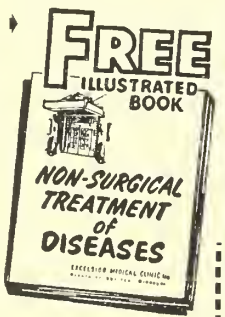

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• **Form 1040 A.** This is the **simple card-type return** that may be used for **incomes up to $10,000** (providing interest, dividends, and other wages don't exceed $200). You merely give your intake, make provision for dependents, and lop off a flat 10 percent to arrive at your taxable income.

If your earnings were less than $5,000, the Government will even do your mathematics for you and send you a bill if you owe anything.

• **Form 1040.** This is the **longer form which anybody can use.** But generally its complications have been tackled only by those who have involved financial transactions, special deductions, are self-employed, or make $10,000 and up.

The newcomer that's being added this year is an in-between form called 1040 W. It has only two pages, and the instructions that go with it come to only four. **It may be used by anybody** whose income consists of salary and wages, who hasn't received more than $200 in dividends and interest, and who has no other items of income.

Says the Internal Revenue Service: "It will be most helpful for wage and salary earners who can't use Form 1040 A because they wish to **itemize deductions, claim the sick-pay or estimated tax payments, or have $10,000 or over of income.**"

As for Federal **tax rates for 1959: They remain as is.**

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Tire buying is one area where consumers needn't fear rising prices for a while. Inventories piled up during the steel strike. Moreover, two competitive developments will keep the lid down:

(1) There's been a steady stream of **improvements in tire materials and construction.** This has touched off some hot industry battles and is holding prices in check.

(2) As tires improve, **the retreaders see a golden opportunity to get still more business.** They claim that about 70 percent of the cost of a tire is in the body, so why throw the whole thing away when it just needs recapping?

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New auto engines—mainly of the turbine type—are making the headlines regularly, but **don't expect them to show up overnight at your dealer's.**

To get anywhere, an auto engine must be relatively simple and economical to manufacture, go easy on fuel, and not weigh too much. Turbines theoretically can outclass the familiar reciprocating engine on all these scores. But by now **so much manpower and brainwork have been expended on the reciprocating jobs that the turbines will have a tough time catching up.**

Latest in nonreciprocating trials are (1) a free-shaft innovation by the **Williams Research Corp.,** which is causing quite a stir in Detroit because of its tiny size and weight, and (2) a rotor experiment by **Curtiss-Wright,** which has only two moving parts.

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Notes on our changing standard of living, as seen through the eyes of America's leading insurance companies:

• **Swimming pools:** So many residential pools are being built (around 45,000 last year) that member companies of the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters no longer will include coverage under comprehensive liability policies. You'll have **to pay up to $15 extra.**

• **Outboards:** This year, insurance men say, about 6,500,000 outboards will be in use, with an average horsepower of 25. So there is going to be a **$10 to $40 charge for those over 10 hp.** (on inboards, though, you can go to 50 hp. before paying extra).

• **Midget autos (or "karts"):** These are **excluded from coverage** hereafter if used off the owner's premises because they "present a definite and severe hazard of an automobile nature." Golfmobiles, though, will continue to get free coverage except in States where motor vehicle registration is required for them.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

What We Learned In Korea

Did American defections prove communist strength or American weakness?

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

I

I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

III

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

VI

I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

By EUGENE KINKEAD

COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNISTS by American prisoners of war in Korea stunned millions of Americans. People wondered how such behavior could occur. Unfortunately, there is no question but that it happened. The official estimate is that one out of every three prisoners aided the enemy; unofficial estimates run much higher. False confessions of germ warfare, the signing of peace petitions, and the 21 cases of ideological embrace of communism were well publicized in the press. Less well publicized were the cases of prisoners informing on and being brutal to fellow prisoners. Saddest of all, in the demoralized camps the prisoner death rate reached 40 percent, the highest in our history.

The communists wanted three things from collaboration: Favorable world propaganda; easier prisoner control through chaos in the camps; and outright conversion of Americans to communism, or at least to a tolerance of communism's point of view. The first two aims were achieved; the third probably was not — although more years must elapse before we can be sure.

Collaboration was obtained by working on a man's weak points. Vanity or fear was the usual lever. Yielding was first made attractive and rational. "Sign this one peace petition," a red would say. "It says only that you are for peace. Of course you are. Every thinking person is. So sign, and be a fighter for peace." But words do not mean the same in the two worlds. For every "peace," read "communism"; then this sentence will have its true communist meaning. The communists quickly proved this. Invariably they asked a collaborator to go further. Their demands never ceased.

If a man refused, threats of torture or death were made. Often this brought compliance, which was a mistake. Had the man withstood the threats, he would have won. No prisoner was tortured or killed for noncollaboration. The communists simply went on to the next prisoner, seeking a weaker man. The resister went to a hard-labor camp where physically his lot was not materially worse than the collaborator's. And spiritually it was much better, for his conscience remained unseared.

One lesson learned from Korea is that a prisoner should establish his resistance early, basing his position on the Geneva Convention regulations that require a captive to give only his name, rank, serial number, and date of birth. It was found that this position protects the prisoner best, and protects his country best too.

Ten officials and high-ranking officers from all services who made a three-month postwar investigation into the prisoner situation unanimously recommended that this feature and others be incorporated into a new Code of Conduct to govern future acts of American servicemen in combat and captivity. The Code, printed elsewhere on this page, was prescribed by President Eisenhower on August 17, 1955.

The Code does three important things: It refuses to sanction collaboration; it plainly aligns itself against communist aggression and illegal prisoner handling; and, most importantly, it expresses principles with which no ethical man could quarrel. These principles are not new. They could best be described as old-fashioned American beliefs restated and re-emphasized.

The Prisoners of the Korean *(Continued on page 40)*

Eugene Kinkead is the author of In Every War But One, *published by W. W. Norton & Co. This book is based on a five-year study made by the Army of the effect of communist indoctrination on Americans held prisoners of war in Korea.*

A mile away the sky blazed from three burning German balloons.

End of an Ace

The little Spad twisted and broke after it was shot down, but Lt. Luke kept on fighting.

By CAPT. JOHN W. KEELER

"THOUGH PURSUED by eight German planes . . ." That is the way the citation which accompanied the Medal of Honor commenced.

Blond, 20-year-old Frank Luke had been in combat less than six weeks. But in those 39 days he compiled one of the greatest aerial combat records in history. So fast was his rise that not even the press was familiar with his name. He moved into the circle of an elite group — von Richthofen, Guynemer, Bishop, and Rickenbacker. And then one cool evening late in September 1918 he wrote his most remarkable page in an already fantastic story.

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The rumble along the horizon sounded like the deep notes of a great pipe organ. It was turning dusk, but the flashes from the big guns along the front were clearly visible even from here — some 10 miles behind the lines. The press correspondent datelined his sheet of paper:

WITH THE FIRST AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MEUSE-ARGONNE FRONT, SEPTEMBER 29 —

He turned to the young captain standing at the flap of the tent.

"Rick, who's this Lieutenant Luke in the other squadron?"

The captain stared at the faint glow of three fires along the front far to the northeast. He was waiting for Frank Luke, and the mention of the name stirred him. Only 11 days ago he had driven 30 miles through mud and shell holes to pick up Frank and return him to the airdrome. That was the day Frank Luke shot down five German aircraft on one mission and then crashlanded his bullet-riddled Spad just behind the American lines. It was also the day Frank's closest friend, Lieutenant Joe Wehner, was shot down and killed. He wondered how Frank Luke had convinced his squadron commmander that he was well enough to fly this mission. Then he thought of Frank Luke's combat record: 18 enemy aircraft downed in 39 days of combat.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker turned to answer the correspondent's query.

"He's the greatest flier that ever went into the air."

He stepped outside the tent. The flight line was quiet. He scanned the sky to the east. Frank Luke should have landed by now.

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The lieutenant swung his .45 in the direction of the German who was calling on him to surrender.

Bullets from the Spad ripped into the Fokker and started it on a long spiral earthward.

The tiny Spad twisted and turned to outmaneuver the eight German Fokkers that dived on it from all sides. Blood from a wound in his shoulder leaked down the sleeve of the pilot's left arm and smeared the throttle quadrant. It was dusk and hundreds of screaming tracer bullets tore through the gray sky toward the Spad.

A mile to the south the sky blazed from hulks of three burning German observation balloons. The Spad shuddered as it rolled to the right to meet one of the Fokkers' firing passes. The planes passed less than 10 feet apart. In the dimming light the German pilot caught a glimpse of the markings on the Spad — the red, white, and blue striped tail; the large tricolored bull's-eyes on the wings; and the spread-winged eagle with open talons on the fuselage. The German smiled his recognition. At last, the great Yank "Balloon Buster" had met his end!

But the German pilot had reckoned too quickly. The Spad reversed its roll and came up from beneath the Fokker. Machine-gun bullets ripped through the undercarriage and along the bottom of the fuselage into the engine. Black smoke and flame belched from the Fokker's cowling as it started a long spiral to the ground.

Two more Fokkers dived toward the Spad. Their red tracers tore chunks from the upper wing. Desperately the American pilot banked into his enemies to keep them from getting behind him.

As he broke through a small cloud, another Hun plane flashed into his sights. He squeezed the trigger on the twin Vickers guns and watched his tracers tear into the markings painted on the rudder of the Fokker. He eased back on the stick and saw holes rip up the spine of the German plane and into the cockpit. The Fokker fell off to the right out of control as the pilot slumped in the cockpit.

The sun's last rays nicked the tops of the clouds now. The gray murk below blended in with the ground. The Spad turned west toward the front lines, and the pilot scanned the air above for another Fokker attack. He could see three of them to his right, but they were too far out to attack. Another started a pass from high in front but broke away. The young American pilot got a moment of respite.

He pushed his goggles from his eyes and felt his blood-soaked shoulder. His left hand was numb. His sharp, blue eyes took in the battered fabric and holes in the plane. This was his fourth aircraft in five weeks. "Major Hartney's going to be sore," he thought. Major Hartney was his group commander. The pilot had had a tough time convincing the major that he was sufficiently recovered from that last crash landing to fly today.

He looked ahead. The first lights of the little French village of Murvaux flickered in the distance. He hadn't realized that the Fokkers had driven him so far behind enemy lines. He could see artillery flashes along the horizon. To his left the burning balloons still glowed. It seemed hours ago that he had attacked and destroyed them. In reality it had been less than 30 minutes. He thought of his friend Joe Wehner — Lieutenant Joseph F. Wehner, his wingman until 11

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In Philadelphia, streetcars were burned by rioters.

In Cleveland, strikers were incited by rabble rousers to battle the police.

The Year America Saw Red

Violence marked 1919 when reds here tried to organize a "revolution of the proletariat."

By RALPH L. WOODS

ALTHOUGH 1919 is often sneeringly referred to as the Year of the Big Red Scare in the U.S., the reasons for the nation's emotional binge are seldom explored.

And yet the year's characteristic note was sounded on January 1 when Lenin urged the workers of the world to join the revolutionary movement, and the Philadelphia homes of a Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the chief of police, and the president of the chamber of commerce were bombed.

This was an uneasy prelude to the idiocy which later in the year reached a crescendo of radical violence without precedent or subsequent parallel.

Historians insist that events can be understood only in the context of their times. We should then first recognize the turbulence of the period in which the red scare occurred.

When we entered World War I, the nation's most militant radicals were members of the IWW, the Industrial Workers of the World. This was a group of anarcho-syndicalist direct actionists who preferred a rousing slugfest with the police to Marxian theories and tactics. The "Wobblies," as they were called, were against the existing order; with verbal violence they opposed our entry into the war; they instigated, led, and gave a violent hand to strikes in war industries; and they occasionally resorted to sabotage. They attracted leftwing socialists, nondescript characters on the fringe of the labor movement, men who had suffered at the hands of company police

An attorney named J. Edgar Hoover came into the picture.

and professional strikebreakers, those made desperate by depressions unrelieved by unemployment insurance and Government relief funds, some German-American converts, and those harrassed by antiforeign fanatics with an America-for-Americans obsession.

The volatile Wobblies and their sympathizers were ignited in mid-1917 when: 1,200 IWW strikers in Arizona were packed into cattle cars by armed deputies and dumped on the desert; 17 IWW's in Oklahoma were tarred, feathered, and beaten half-dead; a crippled IWW leader was hanged by a masked mob in Montana; and IWW halls throughout the nation were raided and 166 IWW leaders held on Federal charges.

The IWW malcontents and their assorted radical, maladjusted, depressed, ignorant, and confused followers no doubt would have continued to raise more noise than hell but for the thunderous news, in October 1917, that a working-class state had been established in Russia by a handful of revolutionaries. Suddenly they believed in their own mad dreams for America, shed whatever timidity had inhibited them, and blindly joined the brotherhood of revolt. They became buoyant and arrogant as they rode what they thought to be the wave of the future, ignoring the realities of American life while riveting their attention on the radical uprisings which had occurred in Hungary, Austria, Finland, Bulgaria, and Germany in 1918.

There was nothing subtle about these noisome and numerically formidable supporters of the Russian revolution and its weaker imitations in other countries. Practically all U.S. leftwingers in 1917-

Thirty-nine were killed and 200 wounded when a bomb went off in Wall Street opposite the Stock Exchange.

At Roxbury, Mass., the home of Judge Albert Hayden, a foe of the reds, was wrecked by a bomb.

William Z. Foster, a leading figure in the communist conspiracy, was involved in the 1919 troubles. He is shown here, seated at the table, fourth from the right, at a meeting of leaders of a big steel strike.

20 were outspoken admirers, and often advocates, of violent revolution. They made clear what they stood for and hoped for.

The same events that stirred the leftists into action aroused the rest of the nation to the danger of a radical seizure of power. Fears were intensified because the nation was still in the grip of war hysteria and was distrustful of the strange new world into which it had been led. Americans were worried by problems resulting from the helter-skelter demobilization which began in November 1918, and they were confused by non-extremists' demands for social reform and reconstruction.

In the circumstances only an apathetic, indifferent people could fail to be alarmed by the turmoil in Europe and by the wild talk and belligerent actions of radicals who thought they were creating revolution in America.

The temper and tension of the times are best understood by sampling reports in newspapers that did not then distract readers with yards of trivia about the-

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A Tale of Two Railroads

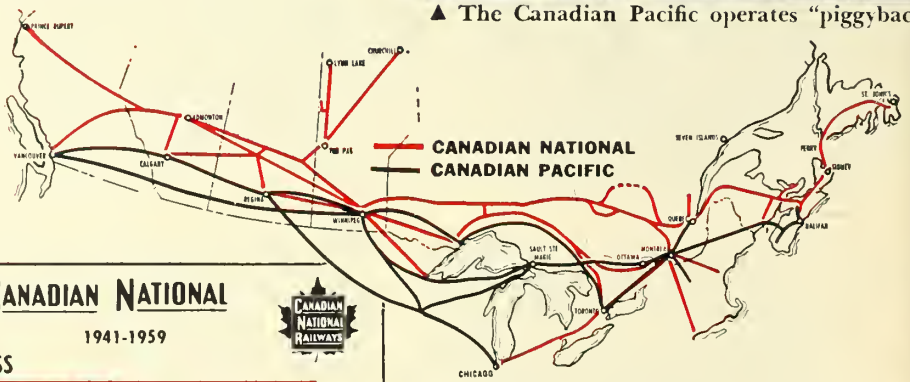
What is it that causes one line to make money while the other runs in the red? The answer is important to all Americans.

By HOWARD STEPHENSON

▲ The Canadian Pacific operates "piggyback

WHEN THE CHIPS are down, which is the more successful — private enterprise or government ownership?

This question is being debated all the time, in many countries. Answers tend to bristle with "if," "yes but," "maybe," or "it depends."



← The two railroads run from coast to coast. Canadian National is shown in red. Canadian Pacific appears in black.

Those who favor nationalization or state socialism may find it hard to explain the profit-and-loss chart above.

Why not look at the world's unique big-scale example, where both kinds operate side by side? Here are two businesses, both in the $2.5 billion financial class. Both sell the same kinds of service. Both strive to make a profit. One fails to do so; the other steadily pays dividends. Perhaps a closeup view may reveal some aspects of these two giants that argument and theory can't make plain.

Canada is their home. The two largest railroads in the Western Hemisphere run coast to coast. The slightly larger one in terms of mileage is the Canadian National Railways, government-owned. The other, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, is a corporation owned by its stockholders. You can buy its shares on a stock exchange. In no other country will you find a comparable situation, where railroad transport services are about equally di-

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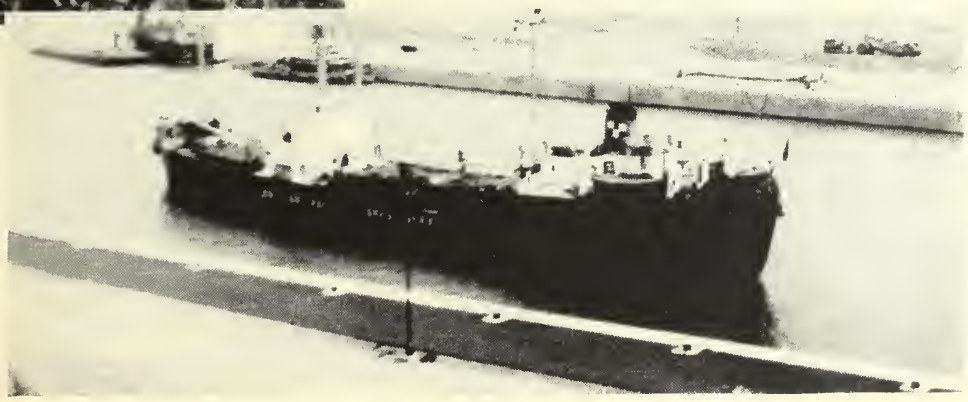
Trans-Canada Air Lines is owned by Canadian National and Canada.

Last year the Canadian Pacific started a coast-to-coast airline, using turboprop Bristol Britannias.



One of the first ships to enter the Iroquois Dam on the St. Lawrence Seaway was a ship that was chartered by the Canadian Pacific.

from one end of Canada to the other – real, tough competition. So when you talk about railroads in Canada, you are talking about a lot of other means of freight and passenger service too.

The referee is the Government, which makes the ground rules, and also owns the Canadian National. Canadians are very much sold on the spirit of fair play, which is part of their tradition. Whenever the people of Canada think they detect favoritism in the transportation business, they holler. And the referee pays attention.

The airways scrap of the 1950's is a good example. Trans-Canada Air Lines, owned one-half by Canadian National and one-half by the Government direct, had a monopoly on transcontinental flights. The private line, Canadian Pacific Airlines, an integral part of the C.P.R. system, couldn't get a government license to set up competing service. Monopoly is sweet, and hard for anybody to surrender. But the people's protest became so clamorous the Government had to yield, and in May 1959 the new Canadian Pacific Airlines coast-to-coast schedules began, using turboprop Bristol Britannia aircraft.

"To be sure," I heard in St. James Street, the Wall Street of Montreal, "the C.P.A. boys are permitted to make only one flight per day each way, Montreal-Vancouver. But the Government just wasn't ready to face up to an old-fashioned laissez-faire competitive battle. We take on these things a bit gradually, don't you know."

"To express the basic transport difficulty in financial terms," another St. James Street source explained, "the Canadian Pacific – rails, air, highways, waterways, hotels, whatnot; all rather large, you know – was so inconsiderate as to turn in a profit of $36.4 million in 1958, as against a deficit of $51.6 million on the part of the Canadian National. To permit the gap between the two performances to grow even wider by permitting both to run from scratch on the coast-to-coast flight matter would have been too much. So the privately owned airline has still to carry a slight handicap."

A third financial man said rather grumpily that Canada has socialism trying to get along with capitalism in its basic transport industries, and that this just can't work.

Socialism? President Donald Gordon of Canadian National doesn't talk like it. He said in London last summer:

"As for the Canadian National Railways, as a national policy, and indubitably in the national interest, its operations, its organization, and its business principles must be modeled upon those of private enterprise. . . . To ensure the efficiency of its day-to-day operations the yardstick of success must be found in its profit and loss account."

Nowhere I went in Canada were Mr. Gordon or his associates in management described as socialists, and their integrity is never in question. These men have fallen heirs to a most difficult task – operating a government enterprise in a generally free economy – and I suspect that privately they don't like it much.

Mr. Gordon's opposite number in the competing organization, President N. R. Crump of the Canadian Pacific, said at

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vided between private enterprise and public ownership.

To see these big, impressive organizations in their own backyard I flew from Boston to Montreal in a Viscount passenger plane of Trans-Canada Air Lines, a subsidiary of Canadian National. No competition here from the Canadian Pacific. But in Montreal it was different. There I found the two transportation giants battling it out in the air, on the rails, over the highways and waterways,

The Royal York Hotel in Toronto, owned by the Canadian Pacific, has recently been expanded.

← The Canadian National, which built the Queen Elizabeth in Montreal, says it will build no more hotels.

What's Ahead *for* Pro Basketball?

By AL HIRSHBERG

Taller, more skillful players and the addition of new cities to the circuit will strengthen the pro hoop league.

IN THE 15 YEARS of its checkered existence the National Basketball Association has made some drastic changes. There are more to come. The most important will involve the height of the ballplayers and the places where they'll operate.

The next Bob Cousy who tries to crash the pro hoop league won't have a chance. He might be a magician, a master playmaker, a speed demon, a behind-the-back wizard, and a crack shot—but he'll be too small. It's no secret that the noble athletes have been getting taller for years. But now it's obvious that the bigger the big guys get, the more height the little ones will need. A man the size of Cousy, who stands 6 feet 1½ inches, will be smothered in a forest of Wilt Chamberlains, Bill Russells, et al.

Bob Pettit (9), St. Louis Hawks star, is 6-9 and typical of today's big players.

Chamberlain, at 7-2, reaches a new high in the N.B.A. The Philadelphia rookie is in a stratosphere of his own, but others are not too far behind. Russell, the Boston Celtics star, is 6-10. Clyde Lovellette and Bob Pettit of St. Louis are 6-9. There isn't a pivot man in the league under 6-8.

This means that the corner men up forward must be 6-6 or 6-7, and the back-court men can't be smaller than 6-3 or 6-4. And it makes a vanishing breed of such comparative midgets as Cousy and Bill Sharman of the Celtics; Slater Martin, Jack MeMahon, and Si Green of St. Louis; Win Wilfong of Cincinnati; and Larry Costello of Syracuse. When they're through, all the little guys will be through.

Coaches don't want to look at anyone under 6-3. "What good are they?" one asked not long ago. "The only way they can compete with big guys is to foul them, and that costs points. They can't see to shoot when they're outside; and when they're inside, they're outreached by a foot and a half."

This feeling is enthusiastically shared by all the other coaches in the league. Not one of them kept any rookies under 6-3 this year. Only a few boys that size were invited to preseason training. In another year or so, even 6-3 will be too short.

If the new big men were clumsy goons who could only stand and dunk the ball into the hoop, the little men would have a better chance. But the outsized boys coming up today are as graceful as they are tall. Russell and Chamberlain were college track men; and the other big stickouts in the league are fast, clever, well-coordinated athletes.

Bill Russell and Bob Cousy, both Boston Celtics stars, study Russell's huge "wing-spread."

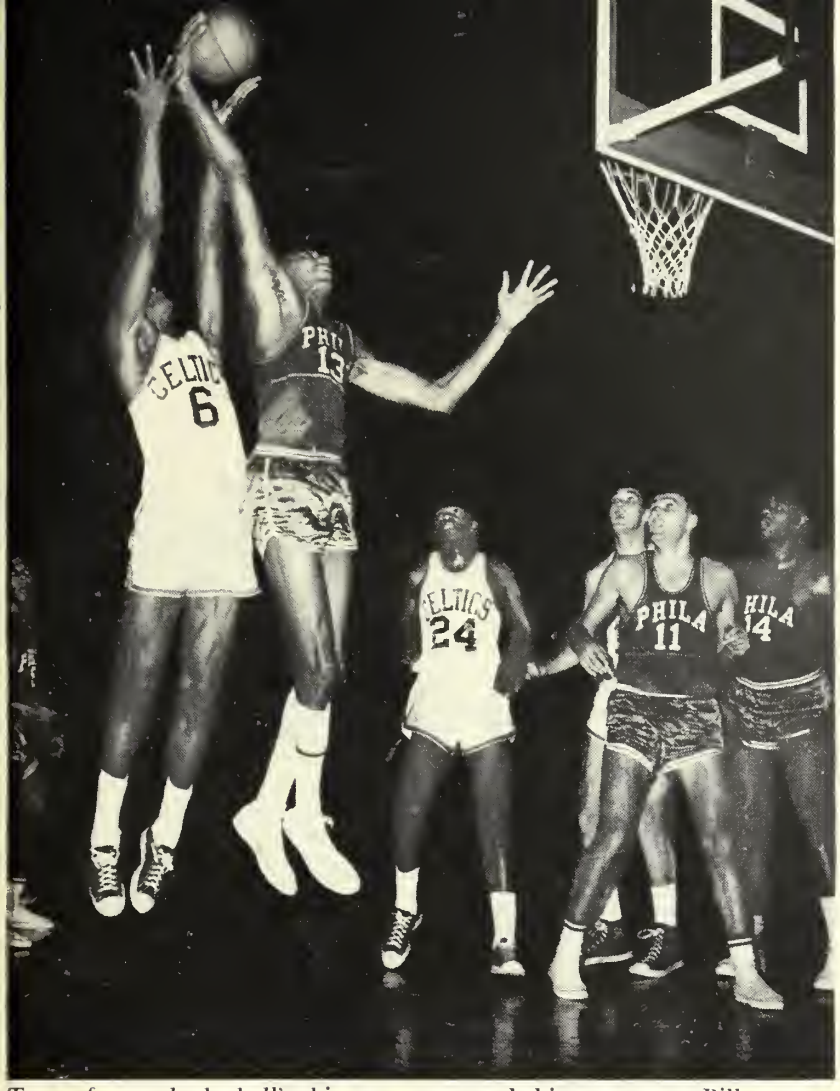
"Guys like Russell, Chamberlain, and Pettit would have made a monkey out of George Mikan," a close observer of pro basketball recently commented. "He was the tallest man in the league, and the ones anywhere near him couldn't get off a dime. And if what I say about Mikan is treason, then I'm a traitor. So are most of the modern ballplayers, who agree with me."

It was as if a qualified baseball man of this era had said that Babe Ruth was a bum, for Mikan sits on a pedestal of his own in N.B.A. history. He dominated the league for 10 years, until his retirement in 1956. Many of his scoring records still stand.

But, as the observer pointed out, the Minneapolis hoop immortal, who stood 6 feet 10 inches, was the only man of his height who could move. And he towered over everyone else by so many inches that there were very few equipped to give him any opposition.

It is a matter of record that in his final years Mikan had more trouble with Fort Wayne than with any other club because the Pistons came up with a good big man in Larry Foust. Only an inch shorter, Foust played Mikan to a standstill. No one else in the league could come close.

While the ballplayers' ceiling rises, the league itself is subject to further fran-



HERB SCHARFMAN FROM SPORTS ILL.

Two of pro basketball's biggest men — and biggest stars — Bill Russell (6) of the Boston Celtics and Wilt Chamberlain (13) of the Philadelphia Warriors. Russell is 6-10 and Chamberlain is 7-2.

ehise ehanges. There have been plenty already. The N.B.A. has had dozens of teams. In the years sinee 1946, when pro basketball first began its serious struggle for national reeognition, there have been teams in all sorts of places, some outlandish.

The payoff eame in the 1949-50 season, when two warring pro loops, the National League and the Basketball Association of Ameriea, merged to beeome the N.B.A. In order to keep everyone happy, praetieally all the teams in the two leagues had to be retained. This gave the N.B.A. 17 franehises, and they were as far apart as Boston and Denver. Traveling expenses alone nearly killed the eireuit in ehildbirth.

Whistlestops sueh as Sheboygan, Waterloo, Fort Wayne, Anderson, and something ealled Tri-Cities (a merger of Davenport, Roek Island, and Moline) gave the N.B.A. the sort of prestige Woolworth would give Tiffany's. Most people had to think before plaeing these towns on the map, mueh less in the basketball standings. If this, they decided, was the best the N.B.A. eould do, they wanted no part of it. The eustomers stayed away in droves.

They eontinued to stay away in droves for several years after that. The Minneapolis Lakers were praetieally perennial ehampions; and when they weren't winning, N.B.A. pennants waved saueily in sueh sterling eenters of population as Roehester and Syraeuse.

These are big league towns? Now, I ask you!

The job of paring and adding and subtraeting where it would do the most good began after the travesty of Tri-Cities and their metropolitan peers. The 1950 season started out with 11 teams, and ended with 10 when Washington folded.

This was not as serious a blow as it might sound to the uninitiated. The Washington elub played in an aneient edifiee known as Uline Arena, whose lights still flieker over oeeasional boxing and wrestling shows. Aside from the faet that basketball was about as popular in Washington as hoekey is, it was impossible to build up any fan support. The arena had 13,000 uneomfortable seats, the lighting was bad, the loeation was sinister, and the transportation faeilities were meager. The ultimate death of the team was a foregone eonelusion.

Its eollapse was one of a number of steps in the eontinuing reorganization of the N.B.A. Some teams faded out of existence; others moved. The Tri-Cities franehise, for example, had started in Buffalo. From Tri-Cities it moved to Milwaukee, and it might have found a permanent home there if the baseball Braves hadn't happened along in 1953. At that point the Hawks, with a beautiful, well-loeated auditorium in whieh to play, were just beginning to piek up a little support.

It wasn't enough. The beer town went nuts over the Braves, and forgot everybody else. Ben Kerner, the Hawks' owner, gave it two more years, then moved his elub to St. Louis, where he struek gold. That eity is now one of the best in the N.B.A.

The Indianapolis team died after the 1952-53 season, a belated vietim of the 1950 eollege gambling seandals. Too many of the Indianapolis players were exposed as having been point spreaders; so the owners threw in the towel. That left the league with nine surviving teams, more than half of whieh were in doubtful status. Syraeuse, Roehester, and Fort Wayne just weren't big league eities. Minneapolis laeked a big league arena. Milwaukee and Baltimore were staggering. Only Boston, New York, and Philadelphia were solid.

Baltimore, like Washington, was handieapped by a seeond-rate arena in a third-rate loeation. It went under in 1954. Then Kerner made his move into St. Louis, and for the first time the N.B.A. had a strong franehise in the Middle West. Things were looking up.

In 1957 a syndieate headed by Marty Marion, of big league baseball fame, tried to buy the Minneapolis franehise and move it to Kansas City. Sinee it had just eorralled baseball's Athleties from Philadelphia, this eity appeared to be a growing sports eenter. The N.B.A. powers-that-be were in favor of the move, but Minneapolis interests raised a terrible fuss.

"Give us three years," general manager Bob Short begged Mauriee Podoloff, president of the N.B.A. "We'll sign a eontraet, so that the league will be proteeted."

Podoloff, a softhearted man with a build like a basketball, somewhat reluetantly agreed. At this point, it's hard to tell whether he's sorry or not. However, Minneapolis now has better playing faeilities. And in population, hinterlands, and attitude, it now appears to be a solid big league area, whieh may soon get baseball and football reeognition in the majors.

But the first year of the eontraet was pretty dreadful. The Lakers drew poorly and lost heavily. Last year, the seeond season, was a great deal better. Thanks to rookie Elgin Baylor, who sparked the team into the playoff finals, the elub made money.

Now Minneapolis is in its eruеial third year. It got off to a bad start. Short, an exeellent promoter, set up a preseason attraetion whieh figured to be a natural, even as premium priees. He staged the

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The Wildest Sport on Wheels

Out in the cowboy country they're making like Ben-Hur and Messala.

The charioteers of the Boise Valley Chariot Racing Association take a coffee break between races.

By BOB HYATT

They're pounding into the last turn where anything can happen. Wait! It's happened. A runaway!

It may be two runaways. We can't see for the dust. Here they come out of the boiling dust cloud like the fabled Four Horsemen. Now they're slamming down the homestretch.

The pole team is being crowded. It may be a collision — no, the drivers have them straightened out.

They're roaring past the stands now. The crowd is up, yelling; the drivers are yelling; and those pistol shots you hear are whips cracking.

The finish! We can't tell who won yet because they crossed the line nose and nose.

A driving finish at the last turn often means accidents.

THAT MIGHT BE the way an announcer would describe a chariot race, America's newest sport and the world's fastest, maddest horse spectacle.

Each weekend last summer and fall, visitors to Idaho's sprawling Boise Valley had the opportunity to witness these blazing events. They thrilled to the sport of ancient Rome, a sport that died 2,000 years ago but is again making its bid for popularity.

Except for the chariot races shown in motion pictures, this is the first time America has seen charioteering. The modern Ben-Hurs who stage these nerve-racking quarter-mile heats exhibit a brand of daredeviltry that leaves the spectator limp. Their ancient predecessors never went so fast.

Real danger lurks at the last turn as drivers and horses fight for the lead. A chariot flips over, spilling its pilot; a rein snaps; or chariots lock wheels in close contention. Dust roils and the crowd waits, silent, wondering if this is the big catastrophe they have been expecting.

Accidents haunt this dangerous sport, which is not for the timid or the tenderfoot. Runaways are common with these hot-blooded Thoroughbreds and quarter horses. A track gate accidentally left open is invitation to calamity — the teams invariably head for the opening. Sometimes they "make their own gate" by crashing through the fence.

"It's all part of the game," said Woody Murray, secretary of the Boise Valley Chariot Racing Association, and a hot pilot himself. "People wouldn't pack the stands to see something tame."

Woody is a "veteran" charioteer who drove his first race last January, when the association was formed. He and most of the 36 members of the organization are ex-cutter, or sleigh, racers. That sport has flourished for years in eastern Idaho, Wyoming, and elsewhere. But inadequate snowfall in the Boise Valley area makes the chilly old sport impossible.

Craving excitement, these men sought — but never hoped to find — a substitute for cutter racing. Ace Wolverton, a real cool cutter man and president of the association, introduced chariot racing in America. The members cut down 50-gallon oil drums for chariot bodies and scrounged the wrecking yards for old auto axles and wheels.

Their first public race, held at the Boise fairground track, was a doubtful venture. Would the sport catch on?

It did. Spectators saw "something different." They loved the breakneck speed, the wild yelling and whip cracking — and the constant threat of disaster that rode with the drivers. The chance of seeing a gory smashup helped to fill the Roman arenas, just as it does the annual auto classic at Indianapolis, and as it does the stands at a chariot race.

Sometimes this universal — if unadmitted — sanguinary urge is appeased. There have been several serious accidents. Like the time a chariot tongue came loose and rammed into the ground, hurling its driver end over end, breaking his collar bone, an arm, and several ribs. Or the time a rein snapped and the pilot fell backwards almost under the pounding hoofs of another team. There have been several bad collisions.

"It's mighty dangerous," said Woody, "but so far we've had no fatalities."

After the first race towns all over southwestern Idaho, and several in Oregon where there is pari-mutuel betting, invited the group to demonstrate its wares. Every event was a sellout; the admission charge was $1.

This success has led officials of the association to believe that chariot racing may gain widespread popularity. To introduce the sport in other parts of the country, they are outfitting a dozen teams for traveling. If bookings materialize, they will "go Roman" and use authentic costumes, harness, and chariots. Instead of running only two teams in a race, as they do now (to avoid pile-ups), four or five chariots will be run, each drawn by four horses, as was the ancient custom.

This will greatly increase the hazards, but will also guarantee large crowds.

To date the drivers, modest-income ranchers and businessmen for the most part, have made no money, nor have they tried to cash in. The admission charge is to help defray equipment costs. These are small, if you except horses, many of which are valued at $3,000 or more each. An oil-drum chariot costs about $75 to build — about the same as a set of harness.

Insurance rates on drivers, however, are exorbitant. So most of the pilots have a sponsor who, in return for a modest cash outlay, is permitted to place his advertising on chariot or blanket.

The Boise Valley Chariot Racing Association is incorporated. Members pay monthly dues, buy and maintain their own equipment, and pledge to uphold a rigid code of good sportsmanship. When not racing, they stage weekend dances,

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Instead of the traditional chaps and spurs, these horsemen wear outfits in the old Roman mode.

This team displayed unconscious humor, by heading straight for the win window.

How to Recognize a

By JOHN ZERBE

Technical Services Division, National Lumber Manufacturers Association

SO YOU AND THE Missus are shopping for a house!

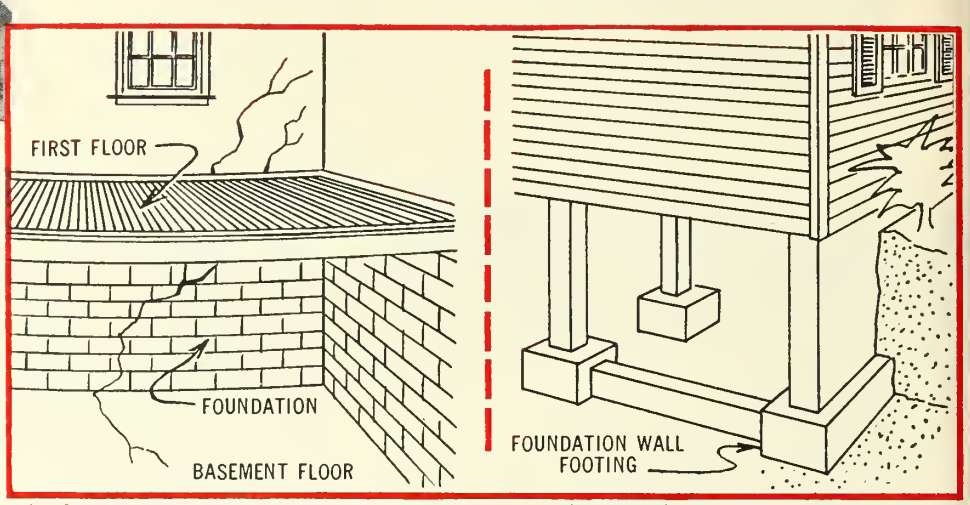
It is only natural for a real estate agent to point up every built-in frill and appliance in the house he is showing, to quicken your pulse and guide your hand to your checkbook.

But the old adage to the effect that "first impressions are most important" should seldom if ever be applied to house shopping. When you are on an inspection tour, you should be as concerned with the hidden construction values of the house as you are with its location, layout, modern conveniences, and surroundings. A house can have all the appearance of a "good buy" while actually spelling nothing but future grief and costly maintenance bills for the unwary buyer.

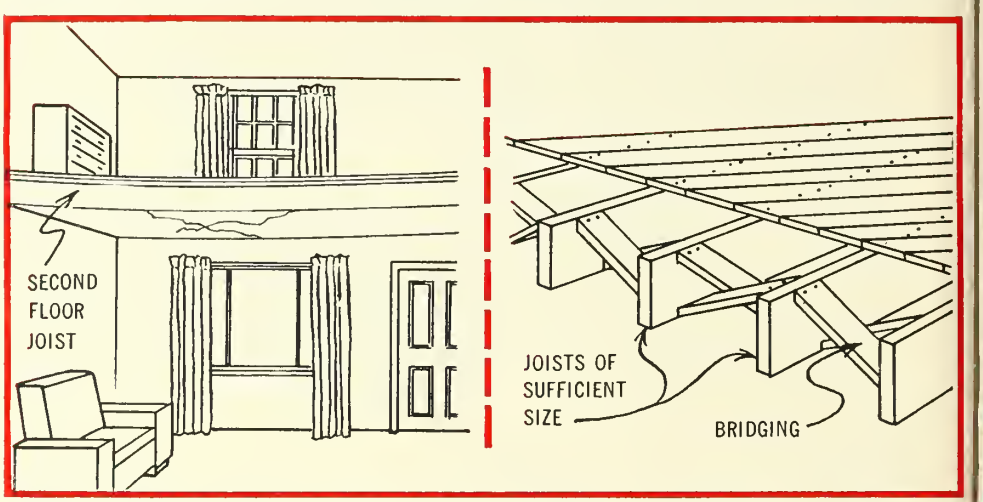
Shown here are some of the things that house hunters should look for and inquire into. Foundations are extremely important. If the builder has skimped on these, trouble is almost inevitable, since the foundation supports the outer walls and about half the entire weight of the house — more if trussed rafters are used for roof framing.

If the builder has skimped on such things as joists, girders, bridging, headers, and plates, it may not show at once; but eventually this kind of economizing is likely to prove expensive. And don't forget that you will be paying for it.

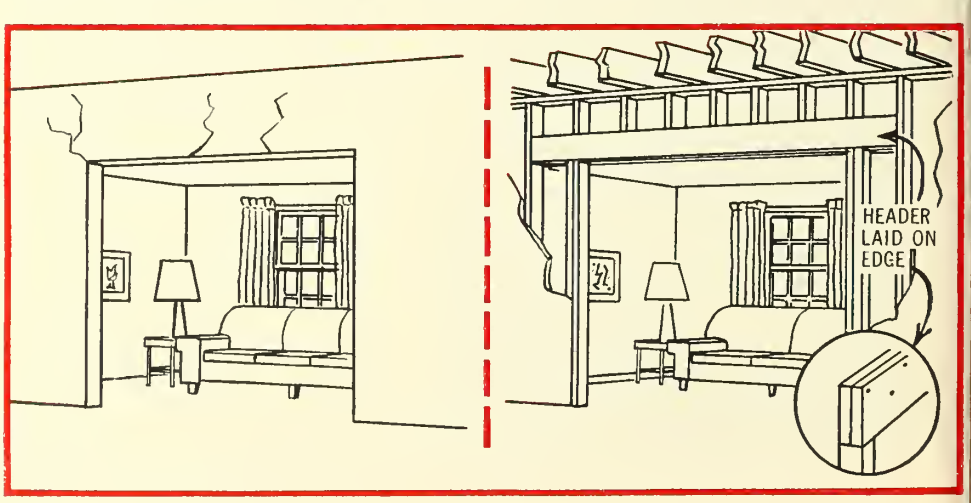
Last but not least, study the workmanship. From these illustrations you will get an idea of some of the shortcuts that are occasionally employed by certain builders. If you find much evidence of this sort of shoddy construction, you had better look elsewhere for your house. The builder is saving money, but he is doing so at the expense of the fellow who takes the house off his hands. THE END



The best constructed house can undergo some settling, causing cracks. But if the cracks are prominent in basement walls and floor, it may mean that foundation footings are faulty. For a small house, with average soil conditions, footings should extend at least three inches beyond the wall on both sides and should be at least six inches deep.

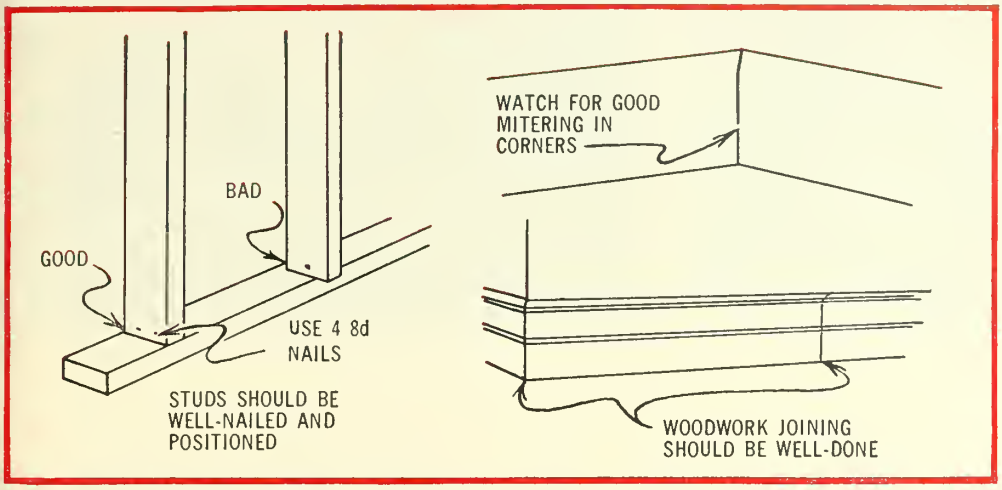


Sagging, squeaking floors, rattling light fixtures, and cracked plaster can be caused by the use of joists of insufficient size. These wood spans that form the main support of the floor should be a dimension-size not only to bear the weight of whatever will rest on them, but to hold rigidly without sag. Also important are reinforcing braces called "bridging."

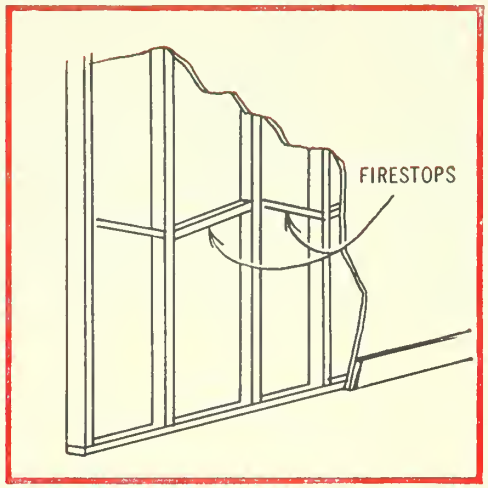


Well-Built House

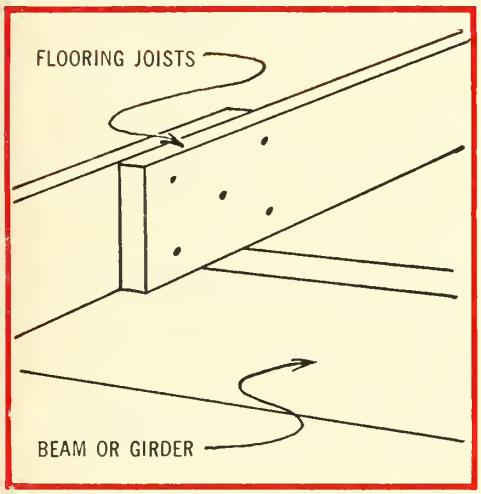
Here are some things to look for which are at least as important as layout and "modern conveniences."



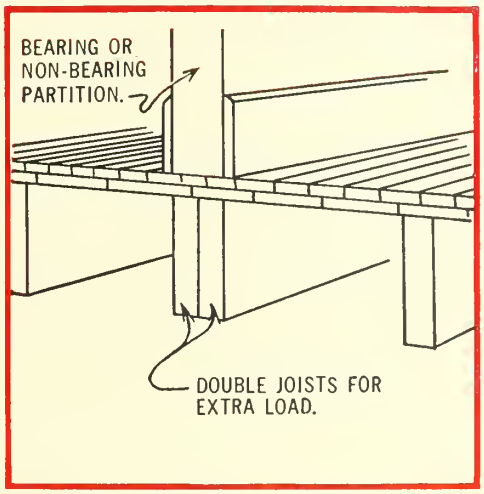
These three illustrations show the kind of construction detail you should look for. A conscientious builder takes pains to join and fasten structural members properly. Well-positioned and well-nailed or well-glued joints are tip-offs to a well-built house. If the joining is haphazard, it can be an indication of moneysaving, corner-cutting operations by the builder.



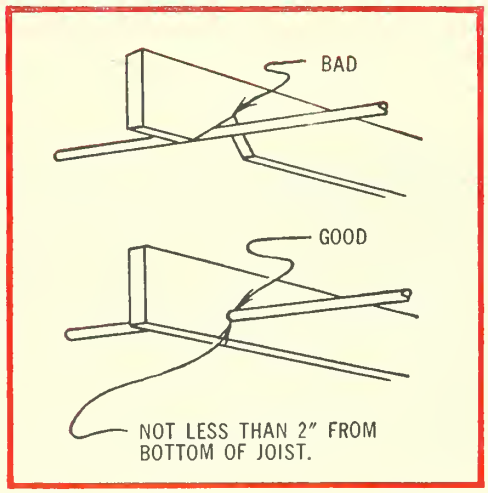
A good house must be rigid in structure. Corner braces and firestops cost little but add much. Firestops also check excess air circulation and prevent heat loss.



Joists should either cross the central girder completely at right angles from one wall to the other, or else have adequate splicing, overlap it, or be framed into the girder.



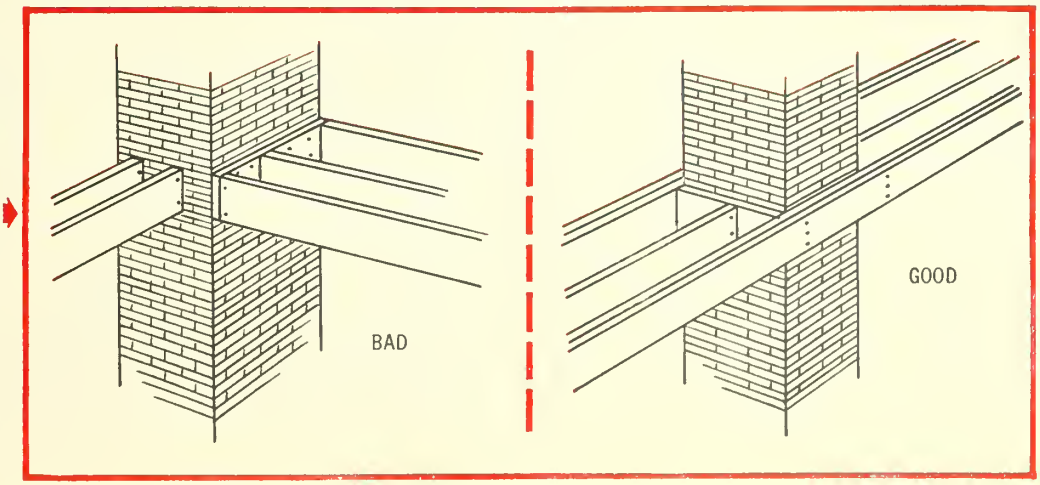
A sagging floor, a binding interior door, and wall cracks can result when insufficient support has been provided for a bearing partition. Double joists should carry the load.



Wherever necessary for the passage of water and heating pipes, holes should be bored through supporting frame members. If notched, a wedge can restore strength.

Plaster cracks over windows, doors, and arches, as at left, can sometimes warn of skimping. Proper framing practice calls for doubling headers and plates, and adding blocking to give the framing the needed strength and rigidity. Headers should be laid on edge.

One good clue to proper construction is the way in which the chimney was erected. The well-built house has a chimney that is completely self-supporting and independent of the house framing. If floor joists and nailing blocks are fastened directly into the brickwork, there will be a tendency for the house to lean on the chimney; and as it expands and contracts with temperature changes, the house frame is likely to be pulled out of shape.



Legion Scoutmaster Don McClain at Indiana Legion-run Scout Jamboree in 1952. Legion sponsors a record 4,333 Scout units.

Crestwood, N. Y. Legionnaires at all-day safe & sane July program. 1936 fireworks injuries led to this post projec

A 40TH ANNIVERSARY FEATURE

The Legion's Youth Programs

What the Posts have done on their own initiative over 40 years.

1953 kids Xmas party held by Post 1060, Brooklyn, N. Y., typifies a pet Legion post project.

THE NATIONWIDE YOUTH programs of The American Legion, during its first 40 years, were given a quick look on these pages last month. They have involved just about 25,000,000 American youngsters in activities which (a) helped develop them as future citizens or, (b) directly benefitted them as youngsters.

Many a Legionnaire who had done some of the spadework in his own hometown justifiably puffed with pride at the total national achievement thus portrayed.

Yet, unbelievable as it may seem, the Legion's *nationwide* youth programs are only half — and maybe less than half — of the story of the Legion's services to the youth of America.

The photos here depict a scattered sampling of two phases of Legion youth work which are older than — and per-

Easter egg hunt of Post 64, Salisbury, Md. Legionnaires hid 19,000 eggs on an island in the city park. All adults were off the island when the kids took over. This is the 1953 version of the scramble when t kids got the "go" sign as 5,000 adults watched from the mainlan

Excellence in cattle raising got Ronald Pike (hatless) a Gloucester County (N. J.) Legion award for 4-H work.

Part of more than 75 St. Albans, Vt., youngsters who get free bus ride to bathing beach each summer weekday from St. Albans Post 1.

...Part Two

By ROBERT B. PITKIN

haps greater than — the uniform national American Legion youth programs.

Three of the photos shown here touch on the assistance given by the Legion — nearly always at the local level — to youth programs of *other organizations*. Legion assistance to the Boy Scouts, the 4-H Clubs and the Boys Clubs of America serve as illustrations.

The balance of the photos depict youth programs undertaken by posts of the Legion by their own *local initiative*, completely outside the scope of what they do in the field of the Legion's nationwide youth projects.

St. Albans Bay, Vermont, a wing of Lake Champlain, has a handsome bathing beach which happens to be some 3½ miles south of the center of St. Albans. Legionnaires of St. Albans Post 1, American Legion, never needed a national manual to tell them what to do about this local situation. Every weekday, all summer long, the post provides free bus transportation to and from the beach for some 75 St. Albans youngsters.

Shortly after King Winter puts St. Albans Legionnaires out of the beach transportation business, Vermont Legionnaires of Middlebury Post 27, farther south, are warming up for a

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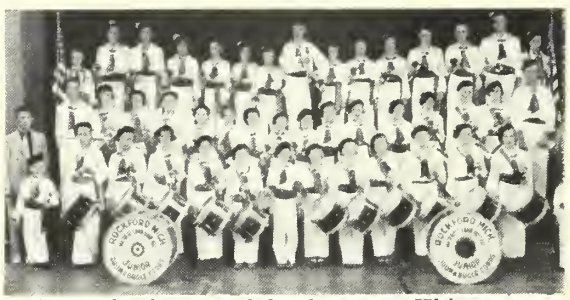

An early drum and bugle corps. This one is the 1936 corps of Post 102, Rockford, Mich.

Boys Clubs of America cited 81 clubs helped by Legion last year. This is Milwaukee's Boys Club.

20th annual Junior Salmon Derby of Post 29, Port Angeles, Wash., last Sept. More than 1,330 boys & girls from 9 to 14 went to sea in shifts as salmon ran in Juan de Fuca Strait. Whole mob got free lunch, and Legion gave bikes to captors of the 28 biggest salmon.

WASHINGTON PRO & CON

PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF BIG ISSUES FACING THE NATION

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT: **Should Congress Retain The Student Loan Loyalty Oath?**

(PRO) I feel very strongly about the wisdom of retaining the loyalty oath provision in the defense education act in view of both the sources of opposition and the nature of its statements. Those colleges that have withdrawn from the program have by so doing deprived the students of making their own decision. Why don't the professors allow the students a little freedom of decision instead of calling for an exaggerated idea of freedom of thought without any freedom of decision?

I think the students themselves would decide against taking any chances with lending to the communists and other enemies of this government any comfort or encouragement in their vile activities, whether teaching the overthrow of this government or joining groups who advocate such.

Personally, I have sworn my allegiance to the flag of the United States and the nation it represents thousands of times in many different forms, and I am willing and ready to do so again whenever the occasion presents itself. I have never found that it was embarrassing in the slightest or was ever construed by intelligent or loyal Americans to be any reflection upon me or my loyalty to repeat it.

It has been suggested that the oath serves no purpose because a subversive would not tell the truth anyhow. I disagree. We have had enough experience with perjury actions in recent years to know how empty this contention is.

I also reject the notion that this oath discriminates against students by singling them out from among all groups who receive Federal funds. For, unlike other subsidies, these loans are designed to equip America to match her enemies in the very area which poses the greatest threat to freedom's survival. This oath is surely an asset to national security; it is no more an interference with national defense goals than is the oath required of every young American who through the years has been privileged to serve his country in the Armed Forces. I think it should be pointed out that no such clamor has been raised against ROTC oaths, where the Federal subsidy goes to the school and not to the student as it does under this law.

Graham A. Barden

Graham A. Barden (D)
Member of Congress from 3d District of North Carolina

(CON) What is the purpose of a loyalty oath requirement for college student loans? Is it to prevent subversives from obtaining student loans? Is it to inspire loyalty in students? Or is it to convince the public that our students are loyal?

If it is any one of these things, then it cannot succeed in accomplishing its purpose.

Even the Senators supporting the oath requirement admitted it would not keep communists from getting loans. I cannot imagine a devoted communist hesitating to sign a loyalty oath. In fact he might be eager to sign.

As a college professor for many years, I am sure that the routine administration of an oath during a financial transaction will not inspire students to a higher regard for their country.

To demand, rather than expect, loyalty from any class of citizens is to weaken this nation's democratic ideals.

There is nothing inherently wrong or improper about loyalty oaths. If the recitation of a loyalty oath inspires patriotism in an individual, let him take an oath when he so desires. But let us not require oaths of those who find them personally distasteful for routine matters.

Recently I took my first oath as a Senator. It was a solemn moment and one I shall remember always. I was swearing to dedicate myself to my new job, an affirmation of acceptance of solemn responsibility.

It is entirely proper that Senators begin their term of office by swearing an oath of allegiance, and all are proud to do so. But it is not necessary to take an oath to obtain an FHA home loan or to receive Government crop supports.

No one expects a loyalty oath to be connected with these financial transactions with the Government. Why then do we single out student loans as more important than other loans?

Never have I doubted the loyalty of 99.9 percent of the American people. This is a loyalty not of laws or codes but of individual belief in the rightness of the American system and respect for the rights and dignity of every person. As long as this loyalty exists in this country, we need no laws to protect it. If it disappears, no law will ever restore it.

Gale W. McGee

Gale W. McGee (D)
U. S. Senator from Wyoming

VETERANS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1960

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

ABOUT FIVE MILLION VETS WILL GET DIVIDENDS ON GI INSURANCE IN 1960:

About 5,173,000 war veterans who carry participating government life insurance will get dividends again in 1960, the VA has announced...Dividends will be about the same as in 1959...Dividends will be paid automatically on or about the anniversary date of each policy...Both USGLI (WW1) policies and NSLI (WW2) policies will participate in the dividends again... All told, 4,900,000 NSLI policyholders will split $234,000,000 while 273,000 USGLI policyholders will divvy up $19,500,000 in dividends.

The dividends on GI insurance are basically a refund to policyholders of the difference between what the vets paid in premiums and what the recent cost of meeting claims actually turned out to be... Individual amounts are based on the surplus in the policyholder's own age-group and the amount of insurance he carries... Non-participating policies do not share in the 1960 dividend.

VETS AND WIDOWS WHO COULD QUALIFY FOR VA PENSION UNDER PRESENT LAW SHOULD APPLY BEFORE JULY 1:

This is the third in a series of "Newsletter" articles on the new vets pension law, which goes into effect next July 1...Vets who are now getting pensions have plenty of time to make any adjustments to the new law, and "Newsletter" will discuss what it means to them in future issues... But there's one class of veterans and widows who may lose valuable rights unless they act sooner.

If you could qualify for a veterans pension under the present law, but have not applied for one, it is to your interest to qualify before July 1...And that means the sooner the better.

When the new law goes into effect, all veterans (and that includes widows and orphans too) who are pensioned under the old (present) law may choose to come under either the old or the new law...But after July 1, all coming on the rolls must come in under the new law.

Some will benefit more by one law and some by the other--But the only ones with a choice will be those who are already on the rolls before July 1, 1960.

So if you could qualify now, but haven't done so, you can choose which law to come under after July 1 only by getting on the rolls before then.

The Veterans Administration will make the final decision on whether you qualify... But you could apply with a fair chance of rating a pension under existing law if you approximate the following conditions:

Conditions for Veterans: (1) Your ability to work is restricted by disability, and (2) Your income if single is under $1400 or--if supporting a spouse or minor child--it is under $2700 a year...Regarding the disability requirement, in addition to it impairing your ability to follow your normal employment, your degree of disability should fall within one of the following categories:

(1) At age under 55 you are very seriously disabled, or (2) At ages between 55 and 64 you have a marked disability or (3) At age 65 you have a slight disability.

Conditions for all veterans' widows: (1) Your income is under $1400 if supporting no minor child, or under $2700 if supporting a minor child...That is all for World War One widows.

Additional condition for WW2 and Korea widows: (1) Your deceased veteran husband had some war-related disability even though this was not the cause of his death.

If you meet these conditions, or are in doubt, you'd be justified in asking a Legion Post service officer to apply for a VA decision as to whether you rate a pension under the present law...(Don't confuse these conditions with those that will apply under the new law next July.)

Advantages:...The new law has several advantages...Nevertheless here are some advantages of the present law that would be important to some veterans and widows:

(1) Under the new law you must count all

your spouse's income in excess of $1200 as your own in determining whether you come under the income ceiling...Under the present law, spouse's income does not count at all...Thus some could only be eligible under the income restrictions by getting in under the present conditions.

(2) Under the present law, some forms of retirement income can be refused by vets in order to bring their income down to the ceilings that govern VA pensions. ...And some federal retirement income doesn't count at all against VA pension ceilings...Under the new law no other income entitlement can be waived in order to meet VA pension income ceilings, and none can be ignored as income...So here again, some vets, widows, orphans could only be pensioned by VA after July 1 if they were on the rolls before then.

(3) Under the new law, the VA can refuse you a pension if the value of your personal estate is high, even if you meet all the other requirements...This does not apply at all under the present law...So a few veterans with rather large estates but low incomes could only remain on the rolls after July 1 by being on them before then.

(4) Veterans and widows in certain income groups who become eligible may receive a higher amount of VA pension each month under the present law than under the new law...Thus some veterans and widows who could qualify under either law would be able to draw a higher monthly pension by being able to get on the rolls now and continue under the present law.

There are other differences too...But these make the point that if you can qualify for a veteran's or widow's or orphan's pension under the present law, but have not done so, you will protect your future rights by qualifying before July 1, and thus earning the right to choose which law you will come under after July 1.

MAJOR LEGION AIMS FOR 1960 IN FIELD OF VETERANS' WELFARE:

In the field of veterans' welfare, the American Legion views the following as matters of special concern in 1960:

1. Improvement in the laws that allow compensation to service-disabled veterans...A recent law that increased compensation for war-disabled veterans did it in an unbalanced manner.

2. Re-opening for one year the right of veterans to obtain National Service Life Insurance...Many vets who don't have this insurance were too young to appreciate its meaning when they were last eligible to procure it...Others once had it but dropped it because of mismanagement of their insurance by the Veterans Administration shortly after World War Two...The mismanagement was not intentional or negligent, but was unavoidable in the chaos of converting from war to peace in 1945-46-47...The Legion proposes that the cost of administration of new policies be fully borne by the insured.

3. Every year the Legion is especially concerned that the Veterans Administration's annual budget is sufficient for the VA to carry out its programs well...In 1960, special attention is due the budget for VA outpatient clinics...An alarming number of reports indicate that these clinics may not have been allocated enough funds in recent years to do a top-rate medical job... The outpatient clinics are extremely important...Veterans with war disabilities who need care but don't need to be put in a bed rely on them for medical treatment and checkups.

4. The Legion believes that it should urge and encourage and assist the VA to broaden and up-date the care and attention given to aging veteran patients and veterans with chronic, long-term illnesses.

5. The Legion feels it must pay special attention to steps taken by the VA for operating efficiency to see that none are put in effect which achieve economy or efficiency by degrading the quality or availability of service given by the VA.

6. The Legion feels that its service and information channels at all levels, in 1960, have a special mission to assist and educate veterans, widows and orphans to the meaning of the new pension law which takes effect July 1.

DEADLINE NEARS FOR GI LOANS TO WIDOWS OF WW2 WAR DEAD:

Many widows of veterans whose death was due to war causes may not know that they are eligible for GI loans...Time is running out on widows of WW2 vets...July 25, 1960 is the deadline...Korea widows may file up to Feb. 1, 1965.

Widows of vets of WW2 and Korea whose husbands died of service causes have GI loan rights regardless of whether the deceased husband had used his own GI loan privilege... However, if the widow is herself an eligible veteran, she does not get additional GI loan rights as a widow of a veteran.

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and Veterans' Affairs

FEBRUARY 1960

Shreveport, La., Post Gains 3,144 Members in One Year

The 1959 membership record of Lowe-McFarlane Post 14, in Shreveport, Louisiana, is one for the books.

The Shreveport post was already one of the largest in The American Legion at the end of 1958 — with 4,620 members.

But when the books were closed at the end of 1959, Shreveport had 7,764 members.

That's an *increase* in one year of 3,144!

What happened?

Did they give away Cadillacs and jet planes?

Not on your life.

The Shreveport Legionnaires, behind the energetic leadership of an enterprising young post commander, Neckley Ferris, simply set out to capitalize on what they had.

What they had was a fine body of men with a fine post home in a fine community.

A plan was formed to get the whole city behind one short, swift membership drive for its Legion post.

Post 14 was, in 1958, about 5,000 members smaller than the nation's biggest post — Denver, Colorado's Post 1.

Shreveport had no idea of engaging in a year-long struggle with Denver, with a handicap of 5,000 to overcome. But it challenged Denver and all other posts to see who'd have the biggest *early* membership for 1959 — namely on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1958.

All Shreveport got behind the challenge. The mayors of Denver and Shreveport agreed that the mayor of the losing city would "eat crow."

Prominent Shreveport citizens spoke up for their post.

Laundries put "join the Legion" literature on laundered shirt wrappings.

The Salvation Army solicited Legion members.

Shreveport restaurants gave prizes to waitresses for signing up Legionnaires.

Shreveport newspapers, TV and radio went all out.

Street-car ads plugged the drive.

Billboards proclaimed it; local stores and other firms urged their veteran employees to be Legionnaires.

Shreveport gained as much from this as Post 14 did. In fact the Shreveport Ad Club cited Lowe-McFarlane Post for having provided "Shreveport's Best Ad of 1958." Note the "1958." On Veterans Day, 1958, Post 14 had won its bet hands down. It had 7,521 paid up members for 1959 by then, or 2,901 more than the previous year. Denver's mayor, true to his word, sportingly ate a dish of crowmeat.

To do such a job, Shreveport's Legionnaires in the fall of 1958 lived up to four basic principles of membership work — good leadership; intelligent planning; a single, early campaign; and hard work.

None of these would have been any good without the fifth principle — having a fine post with a good local reputation.

Post 14 couldn't have gotten to first base in 1959 membership if it were not already known and respected locally as a great community institution.

Its sensational 1959 growth is due in no small part to the work of its members since about 1923.

Until 1923, Post 14 was, in plain language, one of the local deadbeats.

It numbered a few Legionnaires of stature, such as the late John Ewing, Shreveport publisher and a Legion founder, Representative Overton Brooks, and Judge E. P. Mills. But it had little depth and an unpleasant local reputation that was an embarrassment to its real Legionnaires.

The late Jim Casserly started a reform which attracted the attention of others who believed in good Legionism. Soon a host of the leading veterans of Shreveport got behind Casserly and transformed the post into one of the city's civic bulwarks.

Over the years, such leading Shreveport citizens as Pollard Sealy, Allen Graves, Dan Spurlock, J. Reese Jones; H. S. Bogan; John Tucker, Bertrand and George Hardy, John McConnell; W. C. Rasberry; Joe W. Warner; W. C. Fullilove; Seymour Van Oss; William Allen Cook and others made Lowe-McFarlane Post 14 of The American Legion one of the great institutions of northern Louisiana.

The post "adopted" the Salvation Army, raised nearly $100,000 for its

Home of Lowe-McFarlane Post 14, Shreveport, La.

citadel in Shreveport, and to this day puts some 200 Legionnaires on shifts working Salvation Army kettles the Saturday before Christmas.

More than 1,200 Post members serve on a corps of trained auxiliary deputies (started in WW2 to protect defense installations) under the Sheriff of Caddo Parish.

To serve veterans, the post maintains a paid serviee officer in a downtown office.

It has its own plot in Shreveport's Greenwood Cemetery, where members, or any veteran without means, may be buried.

It sends 25 boys to American Legion Boys State, many of them co-sponsored by other civic groups.

That gives a brief idea of the stature of this post whose annual operating budget is about $100,000, and which, since its dark days before 1923, has never since gone into debt.

Twelve years ago, Post 14 finished its present post home (see photo) on nearby Cross Lake. Because they refused to go into debt, Shreveport's Legionnaires took eleven years to finish the building. Post meetings were held in the foundation as early as 1937, but the home wasn't finished until 1948. Standing on a huge, timbered, waterfront parkland, it is one of the finest Legion homes in the country, and Shreveport's most capacious meeting hall. The three main dining rooms will feed 2,000 people at one time.

Small wonder that when they decided to promote what they had, Shreveport's Legionnaires had no trouble getting the whole city behind them in racking up a remarkable record of adding 3,144 members for 1959.

Now, with continued high-type leadership from younger veterans, typified by such men as Ferris; Calhoun Allen, Jr.; Larry Ronson and Robert F. Scott (who headed up the astonishing 1959 membership drive), and Raymond Camus — one of the post's leaders in its Sheriff's auxiliary brigade — the future of Post 14 could well outshine its brilliant past.

Why Can't Some of Our Universities Be Fair to the United States Congress?

If ever you want to run for Congress, make sure first that you have the hide of a rhinoceros.

Latest example is the beating Congress is taking these days from some of our university presidents. To say that Congress is being maligned by intellectual cheating is putting it mildly.

Remember when the Soviet Union sent up the first sputnik?

"How come?" everybody wanted to know. Where is the vaunted U.S. superiority in science and education, that it lets the reds beat us into space?

Our colleges took the brunt of the early criticism. Why weren't they training more and better scientists than Russia?

The colleges said, of course, that what they needed was more money — more for themselves, more for their students. Just give us the money and away we go.

When you get to Congress you'll find that's what they all say.

Anyway, Congress stopped, looked, listened and believed.

Somewhat over a year ago Congress passed the National Defense Education Act. It allows Federal loans for college students, in the hope that that will help some of them make a contribution some day to U.S. science in the fields in which we are competing with the Soviet Union.

Congress asked but one assurance. It asked that when a student should get one of those loans he would state that he is loyal to the United States and would have no part in overthrowing the U.S. by illegal and violent means.

Some 1,370 colleges and universities have accepted this, and so have 120,000 students in those 1,370 colleges.

Not so 16 other colleges, including Yale and Harvard. They are raising so much hell about it that they have refused to go along with the program.

What did Congress do to offend them?

Well, say Yale and Harvard and the fourteen others, what do you mean by asking our students to say they'll be loyal to their country and wouldn't be traitors? We want this money with no strings attached or we don't want it at all, and we won't let our students make any such pledge in order to get federal help to go through college.

This being America, of course, any objections are entitled to their day in court. Maybe Yale, Harvard *et al* have some good, solid, sensible and fair arguments that Congress should listen to respectfully.

Last December 20, A. Whitney Griswold, President of Yale, got the stage in the *New York Times Magazine* to state the case of the sixteen "rebels." But if you expect he was solid, sensible and fair to Congress, you're mistaken.

President Griswold set forth three main objections to his students pledging loyalty before borrowing U.S. defense funds. Let's look at his 3 complaints.

1. He said that Congress is just picking on students and teachers, singling them out for distrust and bad faith.

2. He said a loyalty oath and affidavit wouldn't make students loyal.

3. He said that one loyalty oath leads to another, and went to great pains to set forth that this could lead to persecutions and official inquiries into the minds of all of us.

Are these complaints fair, just and reasonable? Let's look at them one at a time.

Complaint Number One: The Congress, says Griswold, has singled out teachers and students for "distrust" from among all others who get federal subsidies and loans. Farmers, veterans, Social Security beneficiaries, for instance, don't have to take loyalty oaths to get government checks. Even federal officials who do take loyalty oaths don't have to sign non-communist affidavits. So, President Griswold tells the people, the Congress is just picking on students and teachers.

Comment: Either way you look at it, President Griswold is kidney-punching.

First consider whether Congress shows no faith in the colleges and students.

The whole student loan program is an act of faith in the colleges and students by the Congress.

No college is asked to guarantee that the students who get this help will ever produce the results desired. Congress took the colleges at their word, that if they and their students had more money our country might give the Soviet Union a go of it in scientific education.

Of course some of the students who get these loans will go into pro football, others may make a big thing of stock speculation or take over pater's delicatessen, or go into advertising—even as some of the lads the taxpayers have educated at West Point and Annapolis have done.

But Congress smiles in the face of such certain adversities for its program, and looks at the good side of the gamble. Some of those students, it has faith, will stick to their chosen field of learning and rise to eminence in it some day. Of these, some will contribute to the advancement of science in the U.S.

The Federal loans will make it easier for them to carry their heavy load of studies, free them from dishwashing and waiting on tables, make them better scientists faster. Congress places faith in colleges and students alike that this will be so.

Does President Griswold come forth in the midst of his criticism, to admit that maybe Congress has shown some

small faith in his team? He does not.

Second, in directly accusing Congress of "singling out" colleges and students for "distrust" Griswold is faking the facts, not playing fair with Congress, making an unjustifiable slur on the motives of Congress.

In order to assume hurt feelings — which by the way is the *main* complaint of the sixteen colleges — Griswold has to pretend. He pretends that the difference between *asking* for a loyalty oath in the student loan program, and *not asking* for it in, say the Social Security program, stems from an insulting estimate by Congress of the difference between the *people* who may be benefitted.

Yale's president has to pretend (and he does pretend) that there is no difference in the *programs* that could account for asking loyalty assurances in one program but not in the others.

Is there no difference between the *programs*, quite apart from the *people*?

Of course there is.

This is a *defense* program.

If it works at all, some of the students who are helped by it will, some day, work on the intimate secrets of science projects in which we are competing with the Soviet Union.

Any fairminded person would concede that Congress—whether or not it has the right answer—has more reason to fear national betrayal here than it does of an elderly widow who gets a Social Security check in the mail.

Yale's president concedes no such true motive in Congress at all. He stakes the main argument of all sixteen "rebel" colleges on a nasty and unjustified accusation that Congress is just trying to insult the colleges. And this, dear reader, is what you can expect too, even from the highest seats of learning, if ever you get to Congress.

Complaint Number Two: Loyalty oaths and affidavits, says Griswold, will not make the students loyal. A disloyal person can and maybe will lie in order to reap advantage.

Comment: Of course the oath and affidavit won't make anyone become loyal to the United States. No member of Congress has said so, nor given Griswold any reason to believe that he thinks this is the reason for the oath.

The purpose of the oath and affidavit is as clear to Griswold as it is to you.

Its purpose is (1) to prevent lending federal defense funds to such few students who are unable to pledge loyalty to the United States, and (2) to give grounds for prosecuting any students who take the oath, accept the loans, and then use their education to serve an enemy of the United States.

Does President Griswold admit this obvious motive of the Congress and speak intelligently to the point on it? He does not. He doesn't show Congress the courtesy of mentioning the true purpose of the oath and affidavit. He talks instead about whether the oath will make students loyal all by itself, just as if this were what Congress expected.

Then he knocks that argument down, as if by so doing he were showing how stupid Congress is. The notion that the oath might *create* loyalty originated in the 16 colleges, not in Congress. The stupidity of discussing it at all originates in Yale, Harvard, etc. To pretend Congress is that stupid is academic cheating.

Complaint Number Three: The great danger of permitting such oaths, says Yale's President, is that they lead to political and religious test oaths, to prying into all our personal beliefs by prosecuting officials, and to inquisitions, jailings, religious persecution, findings of criminal guilt by thought-police, etc.

Comment: All of a sudden, President Griswold is talking about a completely different kind of oath from the one Congress has asked. His final main argument, like the others, beats Congress over the head for things Congress didn't do. He asks us to believe that Congress is *really* taking the first step toward Hitlerism, Sovietism, witch-hunting, religious persecution, Gestapoism, Castroism.

President Griswold knows that it is not true that "one oath leads to another." Oaths don't *cause* evils. They are tools of society and societies, not causes. Evil oaths come from evil societies. The Hitler oath (which President Griswold actually cites in his criticism of Congress) did not come from an earlier oath, but from the evil nature of Hitler.

President Griswold knows that his claim that oaths, unsupported by evil people, lead from bad to worse is pure poppycock.

On his own Yale campus there is a century of experience with college-sanctioned fraternities exacting horrendous, secret oaths amidst trappings of medieval passwords and handclasps and awful portents, which—if you were to believe Yale's President—would long before now have catapulted Yale back into the dark ages.

His complaint against Congress in this respect is therefore not an act of intelligence, but another accusation. It is an unspoken charge that the present Congress of the United States is evilly inclined toward political and religious persecution and thought control.

If President Griswold has a passing personal acquaintance with a cross-section of the Senate and House of Representatives, his dark charge that they would wreck American liberties is shocking beyond belief.

Suppose he speaks from ignorance of how loyal to liberty Congress is? His accusation is still a miserably unfair attack, based as it is solely upon evidence that before lending U. S. defense funds Congress wants assurances of loyalty to the United States akin to what every President from Washington to Eisenhower has given, to what every Boy Scout has voluntarily pledged for 50 years, to what 21 million living and millions of dead war veterans have given for the privilege of defending their country with their lives.

If this is all that the complaints of the

AMERICANISM AT WORK

ONE OF THE MOST worthwhile reference book collections on the history of the State of New York is this collection located in the library of Hofstra College, Hempstead, Long Island. The history collection is sponsored by Nassau County (N.Y.) American Legion.

16 colleges out of 1,386 add up to, they are playing dirty pool and owe Congress an apology.

And now it's time to get back down to business. Those Sputniks are still going up, and the question of the day still is: "How come our great universities aren't putting out scientists, in the midst of all their great tradition of academic freedom, to equal what the regimented, thought-policed scholars of the Soviet Union are doing in space science and rocketry?"

Congress has thrown you the ball, President Griswold. How about picking it up and running with it?

"GOOD TURN":

For Fifty Years

The London fog was especially dense that day in 1909 when a courteous, unidentified boy offered his hand to guide Chicago publisher, William D. Boyce, to his destination.

The lad had thus performed his "good turn" for the day and refused a tip from the grateful American. He was a British Boy Scout.

So impressed was Boyce by this deed, that he later accompanied the Scout to the office of Sir (later Lord) Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the British Boy Scouts Association.

Boyce returned to America with a trunkful of literature, insignia and uniforms and began to promote the idea of a similar youth program in this country.

A few months later, on February 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America were officially incorporated in Washington, D.C. and a glorious chapter of Americana was to begin. The organization was chartered by the Congress of the United States.

Today in America, Scouting is a familiar word in households throughout the length and breadth of the land. From its humble beginning in 1910, the Scout alumni in the United States now exceeds 30 million strong.

During Boy Scout week this year, February 7 to 13, more than 5 million boys and leaders of the Boy Scouts of America will begin the observance of their 50th anniversary.

The American Legion, at its 1st Nat'l Convention held in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1919, voted approval of and support to the Boy Scouts of America. This partnership has resulted in outstanding citizenship training for well over a million boys.

American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units now sponsor more than 4,300 Scout Units (Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) serving more than 180,000 boys.

Like the Legion, the ideals of Scouting are the ideals of those who love America. Like the Legion, Scouting has left its imprint on America. Like the Legion, the Boy Scouts of America, dedicated to service, have adopted the theme "For God and Country."

To herald this half century milestone of Scouting is a brand new, fully revised Boy Scout Handbook. The 480 gaily colored and lavishly illustrated pages are jam-packed with ideas and ideals for

the American boy. An oldtime Scouter would hardly recognize the new book.

The first printing run (November 1959) of the sixth edition of the Handbook totaled 1,050,000 copies. There have been 17,600,000 copies of the book printed since 1910. It is reputed that only the Holy Bible exceeds it in copies printed and distributed.

Through the London fog, fifty years ago, came a youthful helping hand to America. Since then, the Boy Scouts of America have made 30 million citizens of fine character, physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. They have been diligently fostered in the ideals of patriotism, courage and self-reliance.

MEETING SITE, USA:

Policy In The Making

At the nation's capital, meetings involving legislation, rehabilitation, foreign relations and national security have almost become daily routine and a way of life.

So it makes sense that The American Legion's national commissions that deal with matters of this nature should also meet in Washington, D. C.

And this they do — in the early part of each year.

Following is a schedule of the forthcoming meetings:

Nat'l Legislative Commission — Feb. 16-18. Jerome F. Duggan (Mo.), chmn.

Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission — Mar. 1-4. Robert M. McCurdy (Calif.), chmn.

Nat'l Foreign Relations Commission — Mar. 30-Apr. 1. Emilio S. Iglesias (Vt.), chmn.

The **Nat'l Security Commission** meetings have already been held. A panel of military, government and industry experts made their appearance at the meetings which were held Jan. 28-30 to review and update The American Legion's position on national defense.

Addison P. Drummond (Fla.) is nat'l chmn of this commission.

NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Sunshine Beckons

Already plans are underway for the 42nd Nat'l Convention of The American Legion to be held in Miami Beach, Fla., Oct. 15-20.

With Florida's present Dept Cmdr Larry Hoffman being elected as president of the 1960 Convention Corporation, the host city Legionnaires have gotten off to an early start on the convention organizational details.

Other Convention Corporation officers are: Sidney Sobelson, executive vice president; Billy Anderson, Charles Hall and James T. Ross, vice presidents; Paul R. Greenaway, secretary; Jesse Weiss, treasurer; William L. Crandall, asst. treasurer; Joe Boyd, general counsel.

Florida's National Executive Committeeman, E. Meade Wilson, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors.

It's the first time that Miami Beach will act as host for the nat'l convention, although the City of Miami proper has been the host four previous times — in 1934, 1948, 1951 and 1955.

There are some 400 luxury hotels and 250 motels in the immediate Miami Beach main island and smaller islands area.

The convention itself will be held in the brand new Miami Beach Convention Hall which has an overall floor area of 200,000 square feet—*and is completely air conditioned.* The auditorium, which has one of the largest and best equipped stages in the United States, will seat 15,000 people with ease.

In addition to the main auditorium, there are ten meeting rooms of varying sizes with capacities from 70 up to 825 people.

The convention hall is centrally located in Miami Beach on Washington

Avenue between 17th Street and Dade Blvd. — just one block from the city's famous Collins Avenue. Parking facilities for 3,500 automobiles are in the immediate area of the hall.

The American Legion National Headquarters staff will be located in a separate set of offices in the convention hall building.

The Fountainebleau Hotel has been designated official Convention Corporation Headquarters hotel. The Convention costs will be underwritten up to $50,000 by the City of Miami Beach.

BLUE AND GRAY:

Final Taps

The Confederate flag has been draped for the last time around the last casket of the last veteran of the war between the states. But flying at half mast was the flag he fought against — the Stars and Stripes.

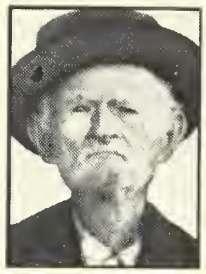
Walter Williams, Civil War veteran of the South's Gray Army, died in Houston, Tex., on December 19, at the age of 117 from the natural complications of old age.

So ended an era.

Born on Nov. 14, 1842, Williams served as forage master in Company 5, 5th Cavalry, John D. Hood Texas Brigade. He never fired a shot against the Yankee troops but at the time of his death he carried the honorary title of "General."

He had joined the Confederate Army at the age of 22, just eleven months before the end of the war in 1865.

There had been some controversary whether "General" Williams had ever actually served in the Civil War. But Texas Governor Price Daniel and President Eisenhower came to his defense and substantiated his claim.



Walter Williams

Governor Daniel conferred upon him the title of honorary brigadier general. President Eisenhower signed a Congressional resolution last September which called for a day of national mourning upon Williams' death.

The general used to like band music and for several years on various occasions, the 65-member band of Houston's American Legion Post 560 used to oblige by playing the old timer's favorite tunes.

Up to the end, Williams was proud that his favored prediction about the Yankees had come true. "If we couldn't beat 'em, we can outlive 'em," he said. And that he did. Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minn., the last Union soldier, died in 1956.

Only last Armed Forces Day, on May 16, Williams rode in a parade in Houston in an air conditioned ambulance. His funeral was one of the most elaborate ever conducted in Houston.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

JOE FOSS, recently of Sioux Falls, S.D., former governor of South Dakota and present vice chmn of The American Legion Nat'l Aeronautics Committee, named as high commissioner of the newly organized American Football League (professional) with headquarters in Dallas, Tex. He holds the Congressional Medal of Honor for his WW2 combat record.

WILLIAM STERN, of Fargo, N. D., American Legion Nat'l Executive Committeeman from N. Dakota, appointed a member of an advisory committee to the U. S. Senate on interstate and foreign commerce. The committee is composed of 21 leading financiers and industrialists of the country.

WILLIAM G. MCKINLEY, of Jersey City, N. J., longtime Legion Nat'l Executive Committeeman from N. J., recipient of New Jersey's Distinguished Service Medal in a special military order by

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POSTS IN ACTION

Items from our 17,000 posts. Those of most general interest and widest geographical spread are selected, with apologies for the hundreds of others that are so kindly reported to the editors.

Alert — Post 17, Edgewood, Md., has 22 graduates of the 42-hour civil defense heavy duty rescue study course coordinated by the Maryland Civil Defense Agency and conducted by University of Maryland Fire Service Extension. They are reputed to be the only accredited rescue team in the U.S.

Funeral Aid — Post 259, Braman, Okla., has supervised parking of cars at funeral homes, churches and cemeteries for the past 20 years for all funerals — veterans and non-veterans alike.

Ever Ready — Post 29, Marietta, Ga., members of its civil defense unit reported for duty at the scene of a tragic plane crash in the area only 30 minutes after the mishap. They assisted police and Air Force personnel from midnight until afternoon of the following day.

Safe Drivers — Post 91, Cambridge, Md., placed diamond-shaped safety stickers on 2,500 car windshields in one day. "Slow Down and Live" is the message on the sticker. Drivers take heed!

Thieves Beware — Post 176, Springfield, Va., has declared war on car hub cap pilferers. In an all out move to assist Fairfax County Police and local service stations run down the thieves, the post has supplied several service stations with name marking machines to inscribe the owner's identity on the caps.

Community Center — Post 270, McLean, Va., in conjunction with the McLean Citizens Association has made available to the community a recreation area consisting of tennis courts, basketball courts, volley ball courts, softball fields, a football field and a baseball diamond. The recreation site is immediately adjacent to the post home.

Active Oldsters — Post 374, Des Moines, Ia., has sponsored weekly meetings and monthly parties since 1949 for the older citizens of the Highland Park area. Called the Golden Age Club, the attendance at the meetings averages 94.

School Marms — Post 71, Gladstone, Mich., now conducts an 18-wk course of study on flag history and etiquette in the local schools to acquaint students with the rules governing proper display and respect to the American flag.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:
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Gov. Robert B. Meyner. It is the first time the medal has been awarded in peacetime. McKinley was honored at a testimonial dinner on Dec. 6.

LEE R. PENNINGTON, American Legion asst Nat'l Americanism Director, retired after 6 years as director-in-charge of the counter-subversive division. He is a past Dep't Cmdr of the Dept of the District of Columbia (1944-45) and a past Nat'l Executive Committeeman (1952) from the same department.

GORDON A. LYONS, American Legion Adjutant of the Dep't of California since 1950, resigned in January. He is now assistant to the manager of the VA regional office in Los Angeles.

SAM W. REYNOLDS, of Omaha, Nebr., American Legion Nat'l Endowment Fund Corp director, honored by The Nebraska State Journal as the 27th member of that newspaper's Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame for his outstanding record as a golfer. Reynolds was a former chmn of the Legion's Nat'l Finance Commission for 14 years and Legion Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Nebraska (1924-35).

HARRY L. SHAFFER, of Cincinnati, Ohio, longtime Legion Nat'l Field Representative serving Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, retired on Nov. 15.

GENERAL MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, USA (Ret.), former U.S. Army Chief of Staff and now chairman of the board of The Mexican Light and Power Co., became a member of Mexico's Alan Sceger American Legion Post 2 last Veterans Day.

GUY DE BERC, general manager of the French Line in the U. S. and Canada, awarded the "Gold Medal and Citation" for meritorious service in promoting French-American friendship, by the "New York Group" of Paris Post 1, Dep't of France.

G. Y. FAILS, Dep't Adjt of New Mexico, appointed corporation commissioner for the state of New Mexico, effective Dec. 1. He resigned as Dep't Adjt.

FRED T. KUSZMAUL, American Legion associate Nat'l Child Welfare Director for 9 years, resigned effective Dec. 1. He is now Western regional director of the Indiana Association for Mental Health.

CHARLES W. STEVENS, Legion assistant director (claims) of the Nat'l Rehabilitation Division since 1935 and formerly a member of the Legion Nat'l Field Service, retired on Dec. 31.

EDWARD MCGRAIL, Legion assistant director (program management) of the Nat'l Rehabilitation Division since 1949 and formerly nat'l publicity officer and nat'l convention director, retired on Dec. 31.

JOHN J. FINN, the Legion's Nat'l Executive Committeeman from the District of Columbia, appointed pre-trial examiner from the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

CHESTER K. SHORE, Adj't of the Legion's Dep't of Montana, presently is serving as president of the Montana Dep't, Reserve Officers Association (ROA).

MILTON BOOCK, past Dep't Cmdr of The American Legion in Minnesota (1952-53), was awarded a certificate of achievement for his outstanding service as principal of the American high school at Orleans, France. The award was made by U.S. Army Major General Edward J. O'Neill. Boock is now serving as principal of the Frankfurt, Germany, American high school.

Died:

HON. CLINTON A. CLAUSON, Governor of Maine and a member of the Legion's Nat'l Distinguished Guests Committee; in Augusta, Me., on Dec. 29. He was a member of Post 5, Waterville, Me.

EDWARD CLAMAGE, past Dep't Cmdr of Illinois (1938-39); in Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 7. He was an arch foe of Communism and gained nationwide prominence by his aggressive leadership in opposition to subversive elements.

HAROLD S. CROSBY, a member of the first Nat'l Executive Committee of The American Legion when it was organized at St. Louis, Missouri Caucus in 1919; in Madison, Wisc., on Dec. 7.

AARON L. SAPIRO, former Nat'l Legislative chmn of The American Legion (1923-24); in Los Angeles, Calif., on Nov. 23. He assisted in the passage of the WWI Adjusted Compensation Act.

DR. JOHN L. GILL, past Dep't Cmdr of the Dep't of Mexico (1922-23); in Mexico City.

CHESTER B. HEGGEM, former Dep't Vice Cmdr of the Dep't of Colorado (1924-32); in Longmont, Colo., on Nov. 15.

MILAN VYDARENY, member of the Legion's Nat'l Security Commission since 1954 and former member of the Legion's Nat'l Membership and Post Activities Committee (1950-55); in Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 11.

WILLIAM C. STALNAKER, former member of the Legion's Nat'l Housing Committee (1949-50); in Brazil, Ind., on Dec. 14.

BENJAMIN M. CASTEEL, past Dep't Cmdr of the Missouri American Legion (1928-29), member of the Nat'l Law and Order Committee (1937-42) and a member of the Nat'l Housing Committee (1956-59); in St. Joseph, Mo.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

J. Frank Shea (1959), Post 283, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Frank D. Perry (1959), Post 510, San Francisco, Calif.
Dr. **Donald C. Collins** (1949), Post 591, Hollywood, Calif.
Leonard A. Meyer and **Ralph S. Millar** (both 1959), Post 844, Chicago, Ill.
Loyal Alyea (1956), Post 101, Lowell, Ind.
William Emerson and **Ethan A. Fulton** (both 1946), Post 211, Portland, Ind.
Charles Breckenridge (1959), Post 3, Ottumwa, Iowa.
Glen L. Laffer (1950) and **J. D. Lowe** and **Ray Murray** (both 1954) and **Merle Brickey** (1955), Post 21, Buffalo Center, Iowa.
Darrell B. Hancock (1959), Post 8, Lexington, Ky.
R. W. Anderson (1959), Post 278, Louisville, Ky.
Paul Marcomhe (1959), Post 206, Westwego, La.
Albert H. Wilson, Jr. (1959), Post 129, Portland, Maine.
Walter S. Blake (1957) and **Adolph C. Winkler** (1958), Post 1, Baltimore, Md.
Hugh T. McClay (1959), Post 3, Hyattsville, Md.
J. Bailey Mercer (1958), Post 8, Baltimore, Md.
John F. Rohrer (1958), Post 10, Boonsboro, Md.
G. Ernest Lipps (1956), Post 11, Frederick, Md.
Joseph Sedlak (1956), Post 20, Baltimore, Md.
George T. Campbell (1959), Post 104, Walpole, Mass.
George W. Hogan (1959), Post 153, Peabody, Mass.
Joseph Goulding and **Audell Monk** (both 1959), Post 166, Fairhaven, Mass.
Francis Ray Remy (1959), Post 303, Swansea, Mass.
Harry C. Goodrich (1957), Post 31, Mahnomen, Minn.
A. L. Soucy (1959), Post 113, Marshall, Minn.
Carl Lippman (1959), Post 143, University City, Mo.
Thomas M. O'Connor and **Richard H. Olive** and **William H. Rheome** and **Clarence W. Skelly** (all 1959), Post 69, Ogdensburg, N. Y.
Frank C. Morrow (1959), Post 70, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
Joseph Villone (1959), Post 98, Rochester, N. Y.
Leland C. Clark and **E. Vincent Hankey** and **Harold C. Ostertag** (all 1959), Post 734, Attica, N. Y.
Edward P. Dolan, Sr. and **Mike Seefchak** (both 1959), Post 774, New York, N. Y.
Joseph Ginsberg and **Ralph Heaton** (both 1959), Post 1169, New York, N. Y.
Thomas Terra (1959), Post 1787, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Claude B. McBrayer (1959), Post 82, Shelby, N. C.
Joseph B. Leihy and **Andrew T. Murray** and **Thomas Nicholas** and **Joseph P. Phillips** (all 1959), Post 44, Northumberland, Pa.
Egbert P. Hall, Sr. and **George Hill** and **James Hitesman** and **Jasper Hongekpecht** (all 1959), Post 268, Muncy, Pa.
Dr. **R. E. Barto** and **Sidney Goldman** and **Paul C. Gonder** and **Clair L. Hoke** (all 1944), Post 404, Elizabethville, Pa.
John P. Wernetli (1959), Post 496, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Henry J. Downey and **Sol. Marienthal** and **Joseph P. Mullin** (all 1959), Post 578, East Lansdowne, Pa.
Glenn E. Gilmore and **Wylie G. Sprowls** (both 1957), Post 639, Claysville, Pa.
F. Alfred Patton, Sr. (1959), Post 646, Paoli, Pa.
Joseph Serock and **Anthony Slavinsky** and **Adam Smolick** and **William Waskeles** (all 1954), Post 677, New Philadelphia, Pa.
Paul Keller and **Fred Rupkel** (both 1959), Post 790, Smithton, Pa.
Herbert Green and **John F. Hevers** and **Joseph Matiskella** (all 1959), Post 908, Scranton, Pa.
Albert E. Wingrove (1959), Post 59, Waterbury, Vt.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships," The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Date of award is requested in all cases. Receipt of names cannot be acknowledged.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

● American Legion Post 447 in Viola, Wisc., is trying to encourage a medical doctor to locate in the town. Viola is a small town of approximately 1,000 population. It had two doctors until recently. One died suddenly, the other was killed in an auto accident. Since then, the town has been without the services of a physician.

● Post 487, Chester, Ill., is believed to be the only American Legion Post in the U.S. with prisoners among its membership. The 626-member post has 21 convicts who are members of the post. Meeting recently for the fifth time inside the prison walls of Menard State Prison, all convict members were present. The warden credits the post's attitude with boosting morale at the prison.

● The United Nations had its first official visit by an American Legion delegation. Manhattan's Post 209 visited the U.N. in December. The group was hosted by Erle Cocke, past Nat'l Cmdr and now an alternate U.S. delegate to the U.N.

● The Montana American Legion has made a name for itself with its white cross traffic fatality marker program.

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● While the strength of The American Legion grows, the strength of its bitterest enemy — the Communist Party of the U.S.A. — declines. At its recent nat'l convention in New York City, COMPUSA estimated its membership at fewer than 3,000. In the 1930's, it boasted 80,000 members.

● The Fleet Reserve Association, in cooperation with the Pacific War Memorial Commission, is conducting a drive to raise $500,000 for the purpose of erecting a memorial over the sunken hulk of the U.S.S. Arizona. The battleship was sunk at Pearl Harbor by Japanese forces on Dec. 7, 1941 with a loss of 1,102 Navy and Marine personnel.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

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Army

4th Cav—(Aug.) Myloe J. Loberg, Annandale, Minn.

33rd Div—(June) Wm. Engel, 79 W. Madison St., Rm 508, Chicago 2, Ill.

94th Inf—(July) Roger H. Keith, 170 Hillberg Ave., Brockton 45, Mass.

98th FA (later 6th Ranger Inf)—(July) Lawrence Henderson, 201 Kentucky Ave., Providence, Ky.

112th Engrs, Co D (WW1)—(Apr.) Ralph J. Bound, 10213 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

272nd Inf, Co D—(Sept.) Nick J. Etze, 511 Washington St., Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

287th FA Observation Bn—(Apr.) H. Herbert Munshower, 728 N. 13th St., Reading, Pa.

312th FS Bn (WWI 87th Div)—(June) H. E. Waters, P.O. Box 1688, New Orleans 11, La.

317th FS Bn (WWI)—(Apr.) Irving C. Austin, 180 Prescott St., Reading, Mass.

354th Amb Co (WWI 89th Div)—(Apr.) J. Arthur Thompson, 2263 Bellaire St., Denver 7, Colo.

601st Ord Bn—(Mar.) Clarence Adlof, 211 E. Oak St., Mason, Mich.

742nd MP Bn (WW2)—(July) Roy L. Maring, Box 61, Moulton, Ia.

754th Tank Bn—(July) Michael J. Stepien, 122 Churchill St., McKees Rocks, Pa.

786th Engr Petroleum Distribution Co — (Aug.) Julian A. Cline, 1610 Norfolk Lane, Falls Church, Va.

3264th Ord Base Depot Co (formerly 614th OBAM Bn, Co E)—(July) Judge Wm. L. Abney, Box 436, LaFayette, Ga.

Stalag Luft III P.O.W.—(Apr.) Dave Pollack, Pollack Steel Corp., Glendale-Milford Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Navy

1st Seabees—(Feb.) Virgil L. Chace, 213 W. Armour, Kansas City 11, Mo.

70th Seabees—(Apr. or May) Capt. A. J. Benline, CEC, USNR, 270 Broadway, Rm 1114, New York 7, N.Y.

U.S.S. South Dakota (WWI)—(Apr.) Carl Haggland, 2519 N.E. 59th Ave., Portland 13, Ore.

USS Leviathan—(Apr.) R. L. Hedlander, Box 22, Greenwich, Conn.

Air

89th Aero Sqd (WWI)—(Oct.) Guy Bradley, Box 543, O'Donnell, Tex.

351st Aero Sqd (WWI)—(May) Miles T. Bradford, 10542 S.W. Capitol Hwy, Portland 19, Ore.

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Navy

5th Inf Reg Co F (attached to 24th Div in Korea)— the late **Pvt/Sgt William A. Benthien,** known to his comrades as "Willie", killed in action in Korea on May 21, 1951. Anyone who served with this group during the period Nov. 1950 to May 21, 1951 and who knew Benthien, please contact his brother Frederick W. Benthien, Route 1, Mishicot, Wisc. Claim pending.

Service Unknown

WWI Veteran, Walter Ray Koger, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts, please contact Service Officer John Edgar Barnes, Post 92, Grant City, Mo., or Mrs. Bernice Freel (Koger's sister), Redding, Ia. Inheritance pending.

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NOVEMBER 30, 1959

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Cash on hand and on deposit		$ 614,751.16
Receivables		494,827.16
Inventories		444,805.76
Invested Funds		1,051,432.86
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Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund	$ 263,625.16	
Employees Retirement Trust Fund	2,847,800.03	3,111,425.19
Real Estate		804,990.15
Furniture & Fixtures, less Depreciation		237,648.01
Deferred Charges		179,074.24
		$6,938,945.53

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities		$ 340,374.07
Funds restricted as to use		40,806.68
Deferred Income		2,364,691.72
Trust Funds:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund	$ 263,625.16	
Employees Retirement Trust Fund	2,847,800.03	3,111,425.19
Net Worth:		
Reserve Fund	$ 24,185.11	
Restricted Fund	20,424.33	
Real Estate	804,990.15	
Reserve for Rehabilitation	415,297.63	
Reserve for Child Welfare	45,796.62	
Reserve for Convention	30,000.00	
	$1,340,693.84	
Unrestricted Capital	259,045.97	1,081,647.87
		$6,938,945.53

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR PRO BASKETBALL?

(Continued from page 17)

first man-to-man clash between Russell and Chamberlain, the giants of the league, by having the Boston Celtics play the Philadelphia Warriors. He spiked the festivities with the personal appearance of heavyweight boxing champion Ingemar Johansson. In predominantly Scandinavian Minneapolis the show should have been a gasser.

But it fell flat on its face, drawing a paltry 3,000 customers. True, some paid $100 a seat and a few more went for $10 ducats; so Short made a little money. But the meat-and-potatoes fans, the ones who must support the Lakers during the season to keep them in Minneapolis, were conspicuous by their absence.

Now the league is watching the town with an eagle eye. If the Lakers have a bad year, they're a cinch to move, possibly to Chicago, more probably to the west coast.

In 1958 the league made a couple of shifts that strengthened it on paper, but the returns aren't all in yet. The Rochester Royals moved to Cincinnati, where they hardly made a ripple. However, the club was run from Rochester by Lester and Jack Harrison, who made the move under protest. The remote control operation didn't work and is no longer in effect. The Harrisons sold out to the owners of the spacious Cincinnati Gardens, where the Royals play, and they now should do much better.

The other 1958 switch sent the Fort Wayne Pistons to Detroit. This didn't exactly shake the Motor City to its foundations, but the team didn't do badly and has already shown progress at the gate. In any event, no matter how you slice it, Cincinnati and Detroit are big improvements over Rochester and Fort Wayne.

At the moment the league is stronger than it ever was, but it's still far from perfect. Exactly what Syracuse is doing in the same company with New York, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati, and even Minneapolis is a question many basketball people ask themselves every day. It's the last survivor of the honky-tonk days of Sheboygan, Tri-Cities, etc.

Dan Biasone, who owns the Syracuse club, has more civic pride than the original Los Angeleno. He dies a thousand deaths every time he hears a hint that Syracuse may be in over its head. He simply refuses to face the fact that the city is the smallest in the league and has the smallest arena to play in. Only a television contract, negotiated by the league, keeps the Nationals in Syracuse.

One N.B.A. official told this writer that "Syracuse is the Green Bay of the N.B.A." He neglected to add that the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League usually play half their home games in Milwaukee, and that the town is an easy hop from there. Syracuse isn't an easy hop from anywhere.

Even though the city is on a direct line between Boston and Detroit, airline schedules are often such that it's a nuisance for the teams to stop there. Visiting ballplayers hate to go there. The fans are viciously partisan, and the arena is so cozy that they all but sit in the laps of the athletes.

"I've been called nastier, louder names in Syracuse than anywhere in the country," a well-traveled N.B.A. star said recently. "You have to take more abuse there in one night than in all the other league cities combined. It's a tank town, and I live for the day when I'll never have to see it again."

That day may not be too far away. Eventually, Biasone will probably have to swallow his pride and take his team into a big league city.

Loyal Syracusans might point out that the Nats may outdraw New York this year, and ask, "Does that make New York a bush league town?" The answer is that the Knicks got off to a dreadful start, and were deep in the Eastern Division cellar before the season was six weeks old. The Nats, on the other hand, were within striking distance of the powerful Boston Celtics and Philadelphia Warriors in the fight for the division lead.

Chicago is coming into the league next year. The fact that the new franchise will be run by Max Winter, the former Minneapolis general manager, might lend some credence to rumors that the Lakers will go into the Windy City. However, since the league has already made provisions for stocking the new Chicago team with players, this is unlikely. Chicago will get special college draft privileges and a choice of veteran players from each team out of a selected pool.

Chicago had a team in the league once before, but it was a pretty sad experience for everyone involved. The club played in the Stadium, where it was everybody's stepchild. After the hockey Black Hawks, the big college basketball teams, the ice shows, and all the other winter promotions had grabbed the choice dates, the Chicago Stags got the leavings. The pickings were so slim that they quietly folded their tents and stole away in 1950, with nobody in Chicago the wiser.

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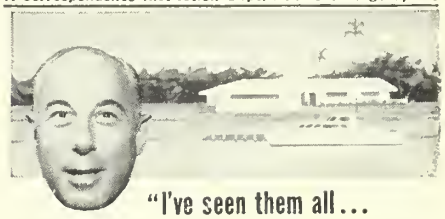

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fully solid. Ten years ago it was still in danger of choking to death on its own umbilical cord.

Assuming that the Chicago franchise won't replace one already in existence, the addition of the Windy City will give the league nine clubs. This is awkward for scheduling purposes, and the league fathers would like to add more clubs as soon as possible. The chances are good that they'll pull Los Angeles and San Francisco in by 1961, and return a team to Pittsburgh.

The league that couldn't afford to shuttle ballplayers as far west as Denver a decade ago is now anxious to ship them from coast to coast. There's so much loose money in the Far West and so many people itching to spend it on sports entertainment that the N.B.A. has a pardonable interest in collecting its share. Besides, the league already knows that coast fans will come out to watch the pros in action. They already have.

The Boston Celtics nearly filled San Francisco's Cow Palace twice in the last three years. In 1957 they played an all-star team in a postseason exhibition, and last year they met Minneapolis in a league game. Both times the big attraction was Boston's Bill Russell, an Oakland boy and a University of San Francisco graduate. About 14,000 flocked to watch him. But as many as 10,000 have gone to the Cow Palace to see other N.B.A. teams in action; so Russell wasn't the only magnet.

Los Angeles, which has a new arena with a capacity of 18,000 customers, is the N.B.A.'s for the asking. If the league needed proof of the city's potential, it got plenty last September 30, when the Philadelphia Warriors played an exhibition game with the St. Louis Hawks. With the newspapers slobbering all over the pennant-winning Dodgers, there was no room for basketball publicity; yet the game drew 12,000 people.

Pittsburgh, with a brand new arena in the heart of town, would give the N.B.A. 12 teams by 1961. And if the league feels like expanding further, it can look to Baltimore and San Diego; new arenas are going up in both of these cities, and both of them have already applied for franchises.

"We'll go wherever it makes sense for us to go," Podoloff said not long ago. "And you never know where we'll end up. I just got back from Honolulu."

Which doesn't mean the N.B.A. is going there in a hurry. It will have to consolidate its interests on the mainland first. But Honolulu is a definite possibility for the not too distant future.

THE END

"Sound off!"

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Walter H. Murphy
Lynn, Mass.

ONE AND THE SAME

Sir: While we thoroughly enjoyed reading Samuel Taylor Moore's article, "How Commercial Aviation Got Started," in the December issue, our attention has been called to an error appearing on page 38. In the interests of historical accuracy, may we correct the impression which I am sure is being created by the following paragraph: "Among the first five companies which were awarded contracts there were some whose names may resemble present-day airline companies; any such resemblance is misleading. The original five were Colonial Airlines, National Air Transport, Varney Speed Lines, Western Air Express, Robertson Aircraft Corporation." For your information, the "Western Air Express" listed above not only has a resemblance to the present-day Western Air Lines—it is the same company.

Kenneth O. Smith
Western Airlines
Los Angeles, Calif.

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THE WILDEST SPORT ON WHEELS

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rides, relay and flat-saddle races; and, in season, some of them follow the rodeos. All are members of the Western Riding Club Association and sponsor a "queen" for the annual Snake River Stampede, a rousing jamboree in the old Western style.

Joe Palmer, 57, is the oldest driver; and 18-year-old Lester Lamb is the youngest. So far, no women drivers have appeared. This has been labeled one sport that women will never invade. Or so the men hoped.

Asked what he thought about the distaff side crashing this game, Woody Murray looked glum. "Not long ago," he said, "when I didn't know any better, I'd have sworn no woman could hold one of these teams in a race; it's all a man can do. But now two local gals are practicing on the sly."

You just can't win, fellows! THE END

THE YEAR AMERICA SAW RED

(Continued from page 13)

atrical and sports personalities, and that gave scant attention to run-of-the-mine scandal and crime.

During the early months of 1919 our ever-livid reds were goaded and inspired by daily reports of bolshevik successes throughout Germany.

Other news from abroad that encouraged U.S. radicals included accounts of: A bolshevik coup in Silesia; the capture of Vilna from the Poles by bolsheviks who then menaced Warsaw; activities of red agents in Peru; red plots exposed in Uruguay, Argentina, and Portugal; revolutionary riots in Prague; an insurrection against the crown in Rumania; French Premier Clemenceau shot by an anarchist; Bela Kun establishing a red regime in Hungary.

The home front happenings were almost equally heartening to our radicals. There was a staggering series of strikes in 1919. The New York waterfront was struck; there was a paralyzing five-day general strike in Seattle and a less successful general strike in Tacoma. Silk workers, milk drivers, cigar workers, fur workers, and workers in the needle trades—all went out on strike. An interurban trolley system that served 141 New Jersey towns was struck. There was a serious bituminous coal strike. And a bitter and futile steel strike was led by William Z. Foster, who today is still active in communism in the U.S.A.

Boston reds were addressed in Russian while Soviet banners waved, and the audience was adorned with red carnations. U.S. rail unions urged that the railroads be nationalized. Mrs. John Reed hailed Russian bolshevism before a congressional hearing, and the audience enthusiastically applauded her. Albert Rhys Williams returned from Russia and told a congressional committee that the bolsheviks abhorred murder and were sincere idealists.

The great majority of Americans were equally, but *differently* aroused by the same news. And their apprehensions were multiplied and supported by reports of drastic and terrible goings-on: Naval Intelligence exposed an IWW "terrorist plot" against steel executive Charles M. Schwab and banker E. T. Stotesbury. A House committee prepared to recommend that all immigration be stopped in order to prevent the Nation from being "invaded by Bolshevik agitators." Forty-six IWW's in California were convicted in connection with the 1917 bombing of the Governor's home. Seattle Mayor Ole Hanson said, during the general strike, "Any man who attempts to take over control of municipal functions will be shot on sight." Vice President Marshall recommended the deportation of naturalized citizens who seek to alter the fundamental character or form of government in the U.S. Fifty-four west coast labor agitators and IWW's arrived in New York for deportation, after their train had been detoured to avoid a Butte, Montana, mob that was planning to set them free. The Secret Service revealed a plot by 20 anarchists in Cleveland to kill President Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. A plot to seize a Pittsburgh arsenal was exposed; the arms taken were to be used in destroying major industrial plants and buildings; building plans and bomb-making equipment were found in the headquarters of the Russian Workingmen in Pittsburgh.

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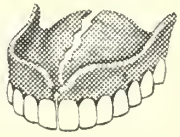

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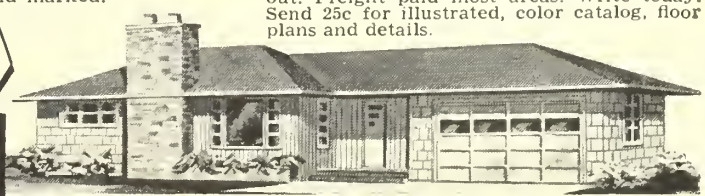

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and similar reports in the U.S. press during the first four months of 1919.

These events are recited simply to show why this Nation responded with such vehemence and sometimes with violence to the threat of alien revolutionary doctrines and elements.

Public officials and private citizens on occasion acted with cruel unreason, behaved ridiculously, and ignored the orderly processes of law. An ugly challenge had been thrown at them; they met it head on. The worldwide radical uprisings were a warning the American people took seriously. They may have magnified the power of the enemy, but they were not opposing a phantom.

If up to this point it could be said the Nation was unduly alarmed, the radicals gave it better reasons for wrath.

On April 28, 1919, a package marked as coming from Gimbel Brothers, New York, and addressed to Ole Hanson, militant mayor of Seattle, was opened in his office; it contained a bomb. But the powerful bomb — "big enough to blow out the side of the County-City Building" — failed to explode.

The next day a Negro maid in the Atlanta home of U.S. Senator Thomas R. Hardwick had both of her hands blown off when she opened an identically wrapped and marked package addressed to the Georgia Senator. Mrs. Hardwick was seriously injured. Hardwick was chairman of the Senate committee considering legislation to keep reds from entering the Country.

At 2 a.m. on May 1 — the radicals' May Day — Charles Caplan, a clerk in the Parcel Post Division of the General Post Office in New York City, was in the subway on his way home from work when he read a description of the bomb package that had been mailed to Senator Hardwick. What he read jolted him into instant action. He rushed back to the General Post Office and showed Night Superintendent Henry Myer 16 packages in the parcel post storage room; all were suspiciously similar to the press description of the package addressed to the Georgia Senator.

The two men phoned William E. Cochran, chief of postal inspectors for the New York district, who in turn phoned Inspectors Owen Egan and John F. Dickinson of the New York Police Department's Bureau of Combustibles, and asked them to join him in inspecting the presumably lethal little boxes. They took one of the packages to a nearby Fire Department station and quickly established that it contained an infernal machine. It was so cleverly constructed that it took six hours to dismantle it.

The packages were addressed to Postmaster General Burleson, Alien Property Custodian Palmer, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Federal Judge Landis, New York Mayor Hylan, John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, New York Police Commissioner Enright, Commissioner of Immigration Howe on Ellis Island, Commissioner of Immigration Caminetti in Washington, Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania, and others actively opposing radicals.

By 10 p.m. on May 1, a total of 36 bombs were found in the mail.

However, there were fireworks of another kind that May Day. Demobilized servicemen in Cleveland raised ructions with celebrating leftists, wrecked socialist headquarters, engaged in street brawls in various parts of the city, seized and burned socialist banners and red flags. Knives flashed, shots were fired, and mounted policemen and two army tanks joined the fray. Result: One dead,

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scores injured, and 70 arrested.

In New York 1,700 policemen held off a thousand war veterans who tried to break up a radical rally in Madison Square Garden.

Other anti-red mobs in Chicago, Detroit, and Boston were pugnaciously opposed by May Day marchers.

On May 2 three more bombs were found – one in Salisbury, North Carolina, addressed to U.S. Senator Overman, and the other two in Salt Lake City. Oddly enough, the Salt Lake City bombs had been returned to Gimbel Brothers for additional postage; it was supplied by a clerk.

The police never got beyond establishing that the bomb packages had been dropped into three mailboxes in mid-Manhattan. No one was ever prosecuted.

The balance of May 1919 was relatively quiet. There were dark hints of a monstrous bolshevik plot being hatched in New York. A few unlawful private citizens beat up several labor organizers in New England and broke up a small-time radical meeting in the Midwest, with the police looking the other way in both instances. A "Justice to Russia" mass meeting in Madison Square was rousingly addressed by American "liberals" who condemned the Allied governments for not helping the communist regime in Russia.

The radicals spoke again at midnight June 2 when a terrific explosion rocked Washington's fashionable R Street Northwest. It blew out the front of the home of newly appointed Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer; damaged the home of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, across from the Palmers; damaged a house next to the Roosevelts, and also Senator Swanson's home several doors away. Parts of the bodies of two men and pieces of clothing were found in the Palmer wreckage.

That same evening a bomb shredded the front of the East 61st Street home of New York City Judge C. C. Nott. The bomb was believed intended for Federal Judge John C. Knox.

The Boston home of Judge Albert Hayden was wrecked by a bomb placed within the house. The judge, a foe of bolshevism, had presided at the trial of May Day demonstrators. That same night Congressman Leland W. Powers' home at Newtonville, Massachusetts, was badly damaged by a bomb; and in Philadelphia the rectory of Our Lady of Victory parish and the residence of a businessman were both all but demolished by bombs. Midnight terrorists exploded bombs near the Pittsburgh homes of U.S. District Court Judge W. H. Thompson and the Chief Inspector of the U.S. Bureau of Immigration. Cleveland Mayor H. L. Davis' home was wrecked by a bomb. (About that time a 24-year-old attorney named J. Edgar Hoover was placed in charge of the U.S. Bureau of Investigation's General Intelligence Division.)

Although the big explosions had ended for that year, other 1919 episodes kept the people aroused. In June, an unexploded bomb was found near Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia; in July, 19 bombs were seized in the home of a Boston man; in August, the Los Angeles home of a former U.S. Attorney General was bombed, and a Washington department store was blown up.

People were retaliating, forcefully. There were raids and roundups of reds and suspected reds in Cleveland, Baltimore, Chicago, Gary, Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Newark, Akron, Youngstown, Trenton, and other cities, the arrests reaching into the hundreds.

Moreover, as strikes increased in number and seriousness in 1919, some elements attempted to ascribe them all to the machinations of Soviet agents. Those who accepted false or exaggerated attacks on unions failed to recognize legitimate causes of labor unrest.

But the 1919 red raids were but a preview to the irrational raids Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, prodded by a nervous Congress, began on January 2, 1920. Five thousand people were seized in meetings, offices, and homes; most of them were later released. Three hundred in Boston were shackled and paraded through the streets. Men were thrashed; property was destroyed. Few newspapers or people protested the illegal proceedings. The Nation was in no disposition to be objective or tolerant.

In any event, the raids disrupted the communist movement in the U.S., kept it off balance, scared off recruits, and forced the movement underground.

But the radicals had one more bomb left. It went off at noon September 16, 1920, in a horse-drawn wagon left in front of the U.S. Sub-Treasury Building on Wall Street, across the street from J. P. Morgan and Co. and opposite the N. Y. Stock Exchange. Thirty people were killed outright, nine died later, and 200 were wounded. The wagon was demolished, the horse was reduced to bloody pulp, and the driver was never found. The last and worst of the bombings, like its predecessors, remained forever unsolved and unpunished by law.

From that time the revolutionary movement in the U.S. increasingly became a secret conspiracy. Moscow gained control of it and the Kremlin gradually taught its blind lackeys the less spectacular but more vicious arts of subversion, infiltration, duplicity, intellectual sabotage, espionage, and treason.

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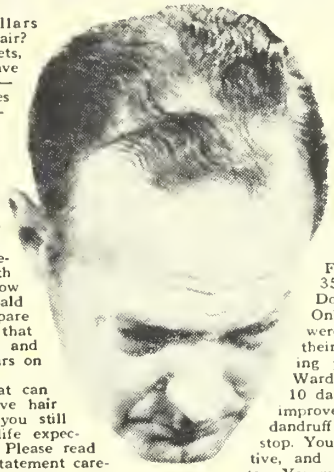

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War have said, not without reason: "If we'd known about the communists and their methods, our record would have been better." In the future this plea will not be reasonable, since each service now teaches communist prisoner-handling techniques and methods of combating them.

It would be splendid if this training could assure adherence to the Code. But the problem is not that simple. To be true to every stipulation of the Code requires admirable character indeed, and character cannot be taught in a training course.

It is unrealistic to think that the 4,400 returned prisoners of the Korean War were a particularly bad or weak lot or that any other random segment of our youth would have behaved more worthily. These prisoners were at fault in the prison camps, to be sure; but we all share their faults. We also share in their heroism there, for they were not outlanders. They came from our homes. They were essentially what our society had made them or had permitted them to become.

For years Americans have been deluded by an unfortunate myth, a myth that holds that because we are Americans we are inherently superior, without the slightest need for effort or self-discipline. The Korean prison camps should have destroyed this illusion permanently, and should have brought home to us our need for self-improvement.

The kind of firm character required to enable a man to live up to the Code is not quickly or easily obtained. Good character is based on good family life, and its formation takes years. Is a good family life easy to achieve? The divorce and juvenile delinquency rates say no. Yet it is possible. In a good family the father plays a primary role. A son who respects his father will not be a juvenile delinquent; and church, school, and other institutions will take advantage of this filial respect to help the child develop well. In the armed services a boy with this background will honor the Code. It is safe to say that had every American prisoner in Korea possessed an ideal family background, the showing, even without Code training, would have been very, very much better.

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Having said this, let us pass from the concrete details of the failings in Korea and their suggested remedies to the developing battle throughout the world against communism.

Coexistence, the present state of things, involves the unremitting struggle of cultures. In American culture, the Code of Conduct is a statement of principle for our servicemen. In order to fulfill the Code adequately all branches of our culture must lend their assistance; they must also take a wider and more intelligent part in the developing overall struggle. The most intelligent tactic in coexistence is not to attack communism and call it names, but to improve ourselves. In improving ourselves, we attack communism in the most effective way.

Basically our weapons are stronger than the communists'. These weapons are not our material assets, great as they are, but our vastly greater moral assets. Fifteen thousand of the 22,000 Chinese communists, or one out of three of the more formidable fighting men we captured in the Korean War, voluntarily chose to remain with us after the armistice because they believed that in joining with us they were joining with the side that supported truth.

If we are able to convince people in the rest of the world that they can similarly believe in us, the same thing will unavoidably happen even in the communist heartland. This is the greatest—as well as the most hopeful—lesson to be learned from Korea. THE END

A TALE OF TWO RAILROADS

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his 1959 annual meeting of stockholders: "The Canadian people as a whole have never consciously or deliberately sought socialistic answers to their problems in transportation or in any other field."

I did not attend this meeting, as I was elsewhere in Canada at the time; but that particular statement made a hit with stockholders, just because it indicates the traditional fair-play attitude that Canadians like to see. Mr. Crump was not calling names. But he knew which team he was on, for he added:

"If public [government] enterprise were subject to the same ground rules, including penalty for failure in meeting the test of the marketplace, then competition with private enterprise would be possible without prejudice to the principles of the market mechanism. But if public enterprise has access to capital without regard to cost, then sound economic principles governing growth and progress are jeopardized and an added burden is imposed on the taxpayer."

A journalist assigned to Ottawa, the national capital, was somewhat more forceful. He told me:

"We have got this big socialistic enterprise, the C.N.R., hung around our necks like an albatross. Most people didn't really want it in the first place in 1923, and nearly everybody would be delighted to be rid of the monster as a government business. But let's face facts. *It's too late.* The government-owned railway is a *permanent* liability that the people of Canada have got to support with tax money.

"I am proud of the Canadian National, with good reason. It's a fine railroad—its subsidiary companies also turn in the best jobs they can. The fact that I don't like the type of ownership doesn't mean I think the management personnel incompetent. Far from it: they stack up with the world's best. But there is a sickness in socialism that never shows up in advance."

How did Canada get into government ownership of the giant C.N.R. in the first place? I have been traveling up, down, and across Canada for a great many years, preparing articles and economic reports. I recall the postwar depression of the early 1920's, when Rod Mackenzie's Canadian Northern was in a bad way financially; the Grand Trunk System was in danger of collapse; and the half dozen or more components that were to be made part of the Canadian National were on their last legs. The Government stepped in and rescued them by taking them over and forming a nationwide railroad empire rivaled only by the privately owned Canadian

Pacific. The Canadian people were driven in a time of desperation to take this drastic step of government ownership, almost against their will.

This 37-year-old experiment has proved conclusively that the two incentives that make a private enterprise succeed are lacking in a government enterprise; namely, the reward for accomplishment and the penalty for failure. Before examining some of the evidence of this, let's take a glance at some pretty big arithmetic:

Over the 18-year period from 1941

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through 1958, the privately owned Canadian Pacific paid its stockholders $368 million in dividends, and paid income taxes amounting to $340 million to the Canadian Government.

In this same period the government-owned Canadian National paid no income tax.

And in those 18 years the Canadian Pacific earned a profit of $669 million while the Canadian National suffered a loss of $653 million. That meant big spending money for C.P.R. shareholders, big taxes for *all* Canadians.

The Canadian National had a good year in 1953, and paid the Government nearly $250,000 in dividends on preferred stock. But five years later, with railroad operating revenues of $705 million, its 1958 loss was $14 million; the C.P.R. in 1958, taking in $467 million in railroad operations, showed a profit of $55 million. Both had revenue from other activities — the Canadian National $9 million and the Canadian Pacific $17 million.

Why these incredible differences? I got two one-word answers by interviewing Canadian shippers, the men who pay the freight. One was "integration." The other was "enterprise." These two points of view gibe perfectly. Both seem valid to me.

Here's an example of integration that showed a lot of imaginative enterprise: A major headache to railroads, in the U.S. as well as Canada, has been the rise of air and truck transportation. The Canadian Pacific launched a "pilot plant" operation on the west coast, to see whether package shipments — less than carload lots — could be handled through one management no matter how they traveled. Today you can ship from Vancouver by rail, truck, piggyback, or air, in any combination. This service is integrated in control of solicitation, handling, transportation, and accounting. It worked so well in 1959 that it will be extended throughout Canada. The shippers said it saves time, money, trouble, and bookkeeping.

The Canadian National will follow suit. That's it, the government railroad isn't as free to experiment, to find new ways.

Another example: Both railroads own a string of fine hotels across Canada. But the managements' attitudes are different. The Canadian National, after its experience in building a splendid new hostelry in Montreal, the Queen Elizabeth, has flatly announced it will build no more new ones. The rival Canadian Pacific completed and opened in February 1959 an addition to the Royal York in Toronto that makes this 1600-room hotel the largest in the British Commonwealth. With enthusiasm, the C.P.R. sees itself as "providing facilities for the needs of an expanding nation." (Did you know Canada will have a population of 18 million in 1960?) So while the government hotel enterprise wants no more, the private enterprise is alert to new places that will yield a profit.

How about the St. Lawrence Seaway? Everybody asks that. Some diversion of freight tonnage from both railroads is inevitable, perhaps a great deal.

"It isn't a threat: it's only seven-twelfths of a threat," a C.P.R. official remarked. He referred to the fact that the winter freezeup will probably halt Seaway traffic to far inland ports part of the year. The Seaway, that liquid turnpike that will transform much of Canada's midwest, just as in the U.S., also can be looked on by railroaders as a challenge and an opportunity.

The piggyback system of freight shipment — by which wheeled vehicles ride on flatcars, then take off on highways to make deliveries — gave somebody a big idea. Why not a fishyback? Why not adapt the same method to freight vessels? So the C.P.R. is developing a line of containers suitable for this traffic. This imaginative idea will help shippers pack their freight so that it can travel by land or inland sea, according to the sea-

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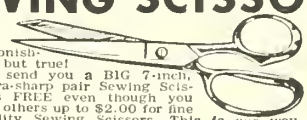

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As 1960 opened, the Canadian Pacific had had six months' experience with its newly streamlined organization. The country, previously divided into eight districts, is now divided into four regions – Atlantic, Eastern, Prairie, and Pacific. This cuts down overhead tremendously. This is part of the integration policy that seems to go right down the line. For example, rail, air, and steamship tickets can all be purchased at the same place; and the same salesman will help find accommodations at a C.P.R. hotel. And if he pushes C.P.R. express or C.P.R. communications services, that's what he's paid for doing. The customer doesn't get mixed up trying to find his way to a dozen offices in the same city

More statistics could be cited – many more – such as comparison of fixed charges ratios, the input of $50 million more into the Canadian National in 1958 despite a deficit of $51 million, and so forth. The big point, however, is not in the figures, but in the philosophy and policy. What actually is happening in Canada is that a loyal group of hard-working and able managers are struggling with an impossible adversary – the sickness that is socialism, no matter how one tries to avoid the term.

Can the economic disease be cured? Is it really too late as the Ottawa journalist insists? Or is one big, courageous step all the Canadian Government needs to take? Such a step would simply be to start treating the C.N.R. like a private enterprise. To do so, the Government would have to: (a) Set up an income tax account for this railroad on the same basis as its competitor. (b) Simplify the corporate structure, streamlining it into

"There was a telephone call for you. Just how long have you been known as 'Good-Time Charlie' Benson?"

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an integrated whole (there were 79 corporations in the C.N.R. complex five years ago, 45 one year ago, more than 30 still). (c) Tell the railroad to keep its hand out of the government till; no more subsidies; when an operation loses money, cut it off.

Ah, what a capitalistic Utopia, with every institution required to fish or cut bait, turn in a profit or sell out! The political screaming that would ensue would shake the polar icecap.

But lest U.S. citizens gain the notion that it is only the Canadians who have drifted into socialistic enterprise without knowing it, let us be aware of the following: The inland waterways system of the United States is wholly supported by the taxpayers, not by the users; barges ride toll-free in channels kept open by the Government for their benefit on the pretext of military necessity. The various State-chartered "authorities" are exempt from property tax, exempt from Federal tax on their securities; none is operated on a basis of full self-support and contribution to taxes. Port facilities, bridges, airports, toll roads do not *pay* taxes; they *collect* them, without calling them taxes. The Country's major highway system is a public utility. Such a facility is capable of standing on its own economic feet, as other public utilities are required to do.

Will the railroads of the U.S.A. succumb to the economic disease that is socialism? Of course we know that such a thought is ridiculous, until we recall the words of President Crump: "The Canadian people as a whole have never consciously or deliberately sought socialistic answers to their problems." But in times of economic difficulty, such an answer sometimes seems so easy!

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days ago. Wehner was shot down and killed not far from here. How he would have liked this fight today.

The Spad's Hispano-Suiza engine coughed, and he eased back on the throttle. It smoothed out. He glanced at three more Fokkers now sitting above and to his left. Why didn't they attack?

Suddenly the earth below came alive with brightness. Thousands of tracer lines poured toward him. He racked the battered Spad to the left to miss the curtain of shells that seemed to be in front of him. He was less than 1,500 feet above the ground, and the sound of the firing below could be heard even above the Hispano's roar.

A cold wind tore at his face as he skidded through a screen of tracers. The Spad trembled as antiaircraft shells tore through the fuselage. He rolled to the right and felt the stick shudder as more tracers ripped through the lower wing. The .30 calibers puncturing the light fabric on the wings sounded like a no-rhythm beat on a snare drum. The Spad lurched as more tracers slashed at the control cables. The wounded young pilot sucked in his breath as he dived toward the ground.

He broke to the right as a new line of tracers arched toward the Spad. Once more he glanced toward the "perch" where the Fokkers had been sitting. But they were no longer in sight. He was nearly over the village.

German troops in the street fired continuously at the Spad now. He banked to the left and lined up with the main street of the town – 200 feet above the ground. More shells arched through the darkening sky from the right. His numb left hand fell from the throttle as he leveled the Spad.

Then a flash of flame went through the cockpit. The tiny plane jolted as if struck by some huge fist, and seemed to stop in midair. He fought the controls and dropped the nose to pick up airspeed. Smoke poured from both sides of the cowling. The exhaust pipe on the left was completely shot away, and flames shot from a dozen holes in the cowling.

The smell of gasoline mixed with smoke filled the cockpit, and the thought of burning alive swept through his mind. Eighteen times he had watched bullets from his guns start flames that engulfed enemy aircraft. He held his breath waiting for the fire. The smoke cleared momentarily and he glimpsed the street below through his windshield. It was filled with troops firing at him. The engine sputtered and belched forth another pall of black smoke as his finger tightened on the Vickers guns.

He saw his tracers ricochet from the cobblestones then tear into the mass of troops that were firing at him. He saw lines of tracers cross above him as he raced beneath the fire of the German

antiaircraft guns. Rifle fire still tore at the Spad from side streets in the village.

The Hispano-Suiza chattered to a stop and he glided over roof tops with only the sound of the guns on the ground in his ears. His sight blurred as he

"We're getting a lot of complaints about this stretch of highway. Either we have to fix it, or label it a 'scenic route.'"
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banked to the left toward a shell-pocked meadow. It was nearly dark now but he could make out trees at the edge of the field. The Spad cleared the chimney of a shell-battered farm house and floated toward the meadow.

The firing had stopped. All was quiet now except for the distant rumble of artillery and the whine of the wind in the wing wires. It was an eerie quiet, tense and foreboding. He saw forms running below; they ran toward the meadow.

The Spad lifted over the tops of the trees. The young pilot slipped the battered machine toward the field. The wheels touched down easily on the soft, wet ground. The prop windmilled slowly. The ground was rough. And as the tail of the plane touched down, the splintered undercarriage struck a mound of earth. Wood and metal cracked, twisted, and broke. Prop blades sheared and cut through the air as the nose dug into the ground. Fabric ripped and metal spars twisted out of shape as the Spad ground to a stop at the edge of the meadow.

From across the field the pilot could hear the voices of the German troops as they ran toward him. He reached for his service pistol strapped inside the cockpit. Pain raced through his body as he dragged himself out of the wreck.

Dark forms ran toward him from the left and rear. One shouted, "Halt!" as he stepped to the ground. The young American turned and fired. He inched along the wing, and scattered rifle fire ripped through the Spad. He could make out the shape of the German steel helmets now. One was less than 20 yards away. He aimed his .45 and squeezed the trigger, and the form crumpled.

Now the German troops dropped to the ground and opened a steady fire toward the downed Spad. Some circled to the far side of the meadow to cut off his escape.

Ripping off his helmet, the young airman moved along the trailing edge of the wing. Twice he stopped to fire at one of the helmeted forms moving toward him. Rifle bullets nicked the ground around him. One tore at the sleeve of his flying jacket. He watched his escape route vanish as enemy troops completed the circle around the Spad. He fired at two forms running toward him. One fell sprawling; the other dropped behind the cover of a furrow in the ground. Shouting from across the field slackened the firing. Then on one command the German troops rose and moved slowly toward the plane.

Blood oozed from the American's sleeve and trickled down the wing under his numb left hand. His blond, cropped hair was matted from the helmet. His jaw muscles flexed as he scanned the black forms closing in. Sweat ran down his cheek, and he probably wondered if it was sweat or blood he felt inside his jacket.

He crouched, looking for a gap in the circle. Something snapped in the smoldering Spad's engine and he turned. A guttural voice from the circle called: "Up der hands, Yank. You are finish!" The .45 swung and cracked twice in the direction of the voice. The moving circle stopped and for a fraction of a moment there was complete silence. Not even the distant rumble of the front lines was heard. Then a German rifle broke the stillness. The young airman's pistol answered. And then the gray darkness was shattered as more than a score of rifles cracked a broken staccato.

He fell forward, almost beneath the wing. The helmet and goggles were still clutched in his left hand. A glass was cracked in the goggles. An evening breeze unmatted the blond hair and moved the grass by his cheek. His eyes were closed. He might have been asleep in the meadow. Hobnail-booted forms approached, looked, and moved off. One took the pistol from the outstretched right hand.

To the south three faint fires still glowed. The breeze hummed through twisted wires of the Spad, and the rumble along the horizon sounded like the deep notes of a great pipe organ.

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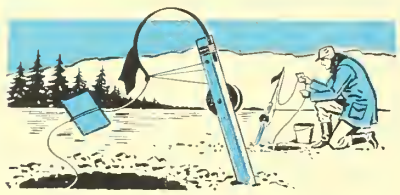

PATRICK BISHOP, of 750 E. Russell Ave., Flint 5, Mich., has a good tip for the shake and shiver brigade. He says: "Cut a rectangular piece of cardboard and put a hitch around it on your fishing line. Place it about halfway between your rod tip and the hole in the ice. The cardboard flutters in the wind and keeps the line in constant motion. This keeps the ice from freezing around the line and jiggles the bait and attracts fish."

DO YOU MISS a lot of animals from the woods this time of year? Especially in the North? They've gone into their annual state of hibernation. Since coldblooded animals – for example, frogs, snakes, and insects – do not possess the physical mechanism necessary to maintain a constant body temperature in winter, they must spend the cold months where they won't freeze. So they head for holes, crevices, logs and mud.

Warmblooded animals – such as ground squirrels, woodchucks, bears etc. – also hibernate till spring. Their body functions slow down; yet these animals are easily awakened.

Skunks, badgers, raccoons, and chipmunks enter a state of semihibernation when driven by severe cold. They reappear when milder weather prevails.

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3.	Elephant	69 years
4.	Eagle	55 years
5.	Grizzly Bear	32 years
6.	Bullfrog	30 years
7.	Mountain Lion	20 years
8.	Wolf	16 years

BERT HAWK, SR., R. D. 6, Fort Wayne, Ind., has a quartet of suggestions: "Keep shotgun shells in plastic bags to protect from rain or snow. To remove offensive hairs from a deer carcass after skinning, let it hang for four hours until a glaze has formed; then brush the hairs off with a stiff vegetable brush. Like to call squirrels? Hold a half-dollar between the right thumb and forefinger and strike sharply with a quarter held in the left hand. The resulting sound is amazingly like the sharp chatter of the gray squirrel. If, while hunting, your car door lock freezes, heat the car key with a match; then insert it."

THE HOLIDAY HOTEL in Reno, Nev., was the scene of an epic event in the annals of target shooting this fall: Tom Frye, a field representative for Remington Arms Company, Inc., shooting a .22-caliber rifle, at 2¼-inch wooden-block targets, hit all but 6 of 100,010 tossed into the air by an assistant.

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Frye used a Remington Nylon 66 autoloader .22-caliber rifle and Peters "Golden Bullet" .22 cartridges. It took 14 days, shooting eight hours a day, to do the job.

OUR GOOD FRIENDS the British, who have been flooding the American market with Enfield rifles, Webley revolvers, and other weapons at very low prices, are now dumping something of later vintage. As many ex-GI's know, Garand rifles have not been turned loose by the U.S. Government, and there have been definite restrictions on their sale. But not long ago a California arms dealer proudly announced that he had a supply of them for sale at $97.50 each. The tipoff came in the ad copy: "Proof tested and proof marked in Great Britain." Just another manifestation of hands across the sea, foreign aid, or what have you.

HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN must be the most ingenious sportsmen in existence. We've been writing this column for a decade and every month readers prove the truth of this statement. A. E. Atkinson, 17 No. Edison St., Arlington, Va., has this for us: "Take an old rubber inner tube and cut it in half, run a strap or length of line through it and then sew up one end. Adjust the strap or line so that the inner tube will hang at about your elbow when you put the strap around your neck. The two-fold purpose of this contraption is to serve as a small-game carrier without getting the inner pockets of your shooting coat bloody, and to make a nifty mat to sit on while still hunting (keeps you comfortable and keeps penetrating damp off)."

TULAREMIA IS a mean disease. Most cases come from the cottontail rabbit. Hunters should avoid shooting slow-moving or inactive rabbits. Wear rubber gloves while dressing game. Thoroughly cook all game. Any carcass found to have white spots on its liver should be destroyed.

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slope east of town in the Green Mountains. When the snow lies deep, Legionnaires of Middlebury will be found running busloads of youngsters up to the ski slopes. To the west some 2500 miles, Post 135, in Sun Valley, Idaho, is also snow-minded with a vengeance. It operates the biggest championship ski tourney for youngsters in the United States, the Western States American Legion Junior Ski Tournament, to which throng young ski enthusiasts from 11 Western states every March. Last March, Legionnaires as far away as Anchorage, Alaska, sent young ski teams.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland is one of America's biggest egg-producing regions. That helps explain why Legionnaires of Post 64, at Salisbury, Md., have been able to hide as many as 19,000 eggs on a little island of Salisbury's city park on Easter mornings, there to turn loose a screaming, squealing, delirious army of youngsters in what must be the world's biggest Easter egg hunt.

Early September usually marks the great run of salmon in Juan De Fuca Strait off Port Angeles, Washington. So, for 20 years now, Port Angeles has been turned inside out during each salmon run by the Junior Fishing Derby sponsored by the Legionnaires of Post 29, Port Angeles. Not only the Legionnaires, but practically every civic-minded person and organization in the area — as well as most of the population — turn to the beach either to join, help manage or awesomely observe this Hollywoodian youth extravangaza.

Jump several thousand miles southeast to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. There Post 139 has built and maintained a free public beach including club rooms and rest rooms and a free public fishing pier extending a quarter mile into the Gulf of Mexico, boons to adults and youngsters alike. From its free pier, from time to time, the Legionnaires conduct a Junior Fishing Rodeo for boys and girls under sixteen.

Nobody has complete records of the youth programs *invented locally* by American Legion posts over 40 years. The few examples given here are but a pitiful specimen.

The same lack of total knowledge applies to the scope of help given locally by the Legion to the youth programs of *other organizations*.

On their own initiative, some years ago, the combined Legion posts of Gloucester County, N. J., set out to encourage industry and excellence of Gloucester County youths in agriculture. Legion annual awards to outstanding farm youths were set-up. It was quickly apparent that this was a field already occupied by the 4-H Clubs, so the Gloucester County Legionnaires abandoned it as a separate project of their own, but continued to do the same work through the 4-H. One of the photos with this article shows county Legion officials inspecting one of the outstanding dairy cattle of 19-year-old Ronald Pike, of Mullica Hill, N. J., which last year earned Pike a Legion-4H award.

4-H does not publish national figures on assistance given it by the Legion and other groups. In this it is no more remiss than the Legion itself, which has no total information on the subject, and wouldn't know how to collect it from 17,000 posts that are engaged in hundreds of different projects.

Legion posts have been aiding and sponsoring Boy Scout units since the first posts were formed in 1919. Scout troops were adopted by the Legion first by the dozens, then by the hundreds and then by the thousands.

Last April, Arthur Schuck, Chief Scout Executive, extended to then National Commander Preston J. Moore the Boy Scouts' annual and much appreciated letter of thanks to the Legion. Once again, Schuck noted, a new all-time high had been set by Legion posts in Scouting work. The Legion, the Auxiliary and the 40&8 were currently sponsoring 4,333 Scouting units serving more than 182,000 boys.

The Boys Clubs of America are not so numerous as Scouting units, for the simple reason that a Boys Club represents an expensive investment in real estate, equipment, and upkeep. Last year the Boys Clubs of America published an account of assistance given locally by Legion folks to 81 of its clubs. This involved far more than 81 Legion posts, Auxiliary units and 40&8 voitures. For instance, the Milwaukee Boys Club is the recipient of annual assistance from every one of the numerous Legion posts in that Wisconsin city, including the annual dinner given to boys of the club by all the Legionnaires in the city.

It doesn't always take many words to tell a big story. Here are a few brief examples to typify what Legionnaires did for Boys Club in some of the 81 cities:

Rome, Ga.: Contributed $1,000.

Washington, D.C.: Built athletic field. (One of several contributions.)

Fresno, Calif.: One Auxiliary unit and two Posts donated to building fund.

Providence, R. I.: Sent 52 boys to camp.

Roscoe, Texas: Gave $500 for night-baseball lighting.

Little Rock, Ark.: Sponsored 8-team baseball league.

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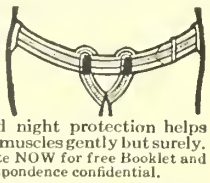

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The history of The American Legion makes it entirely natural that what its post, county and state organizations have done on their own and for other organizations may equal or surpass in scope the tremendous job they do in standard national youth programs of the Legion.

The local programs and the aid to other groups came first, historically. The Legion in 1919 was a group of willing war veterans who had gotten together with a very clear idea of the principles they would follow, but no commitment at all on exactly what to do about them.

Service to community, and an interest in "posterity" (i.e.: America's youth) were clear mandates to every post from the beginning. But if any post in 1919 asked "What shall we do?" the national answer added up to "Use your own imagination."

Nothing could have been happier. Nothing so explains the tremendous vigor, flexibility, variety and omnivorousness of Legion programs.

The Boy Scouts, of course, were the immediate beneficiaries of the Legion's lack of any formalized national youth program. Scouting existed everywhere. It depended on volunteer local leadership and funds. It was nationally organized. It paralleled in principle the principles of the Legion.

So many Legion posts immediately turned to the aid of their local Scouts in 1919 and 1920 that, truth be told, the first "national youth program" of the Legion was not its own program, but Scouting.

Another obvious possibility of youth work for Legion posts was the formation of adult-led athletic teams and tournaments for youngsters. Hundreds of posts developed their own boys athletic teams by using their own imagination. In the course of this work, many of them built needed parks, playgrounds and ballfields.

When the Legion was six years old, the "imagination" of the local posts had created so many boys baseball teams on a purely local basis that the 1925 National Convention of The American Legion took the first step to create Junior Baseball as a national Legion program. Nobody has yet said which came first—the chicken or the egg – but in the Legion the national youth programs are, without exception, the outgrowth of local programs.

By 1928, the national organization was at last able to make some firm recommendations of community programs posts might follow. The national Legion simply collected a great list of specific programs posts had successfully carried out and published them to all other posts.

The list included 170 different activities that were suggested because one or more – and often dozens – of posts had already carried them out on their own.

In the years since then the list has simply snowballed.

Here are a few of the programs for youth which hundreds, or thousands of Legion organizations operate locally on their own.

Christmas parties for kids. (thousands annually). Example: The one illustrated in this article, held by Post 1060, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Swimming activities. (hundreds). Examples: (1) Aquatic Club, sponsoring AAU swimming tournaments, Post 199, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. (2) Teaching swimming and life saving to organized classes, Post 22, Union, South Carolina, and Post 41, Lockhart, Texas. (3) Providing community swimming pool, Post 338, Overland, Missouri.

Track meets and games. (hundreds). Example: Post 165, Bayonne, N.J.

Chaplain's Corner

By REV. REUBEN MINOR
Department Chaplain
of the District of Columbia
Shiloh Baptist Church
Washington, D. C.

O God, we praise Thee for the gift of life and for Thy protective providence over our nation, which Thou has planted and nurtured in freedom.

We thank Thee for beating back the ravages of nature and disease, pestilence and war from our shores; and for multiplying our flocks and herds in the fields; and for filling our storehouses with grain to the overflow.

Thou hast fought with our defenses against the enemies who would oppress us, and held the hand of those who have led us from the Pilgrim Fathers until now.

We thank Thee, Father God, for men of courage, adventure, skill, science, and men of great faith.

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Hold Thou the hands of those who hold the reins of the destiny of the nations. Guide them in paths of peace among men, and faith in Thee.

Amen.

Running a Youth County Government, similar to Boys State, in the absence of any such county program on a statewide level: (several). Example: (1) Chemung County, N. Y., American Legion. (2) Post 5, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Statewide Youth County Government: (two)—Louisiana and Nebraska.

Sponsoring youth musical organizations such as drum and bugle corps, bands, orchestras, glee clubs. (hundreds). Out of deference to the many posts that spend vast sums of money on these activities, no one example is selected. Dozens of them send complete uniformed youthful musical outfits to the annual Legion national conventions. One such corps from Rockford, Mich., is illustrated with this article. Its 1936 corps was selected to illustrate the continuity of this activity of the Legion over many years.

Training and honoring children who guard school street crossings: (hundreds). Example: All the posts in Minnesota, via a statewide program and a state Legion summer camp for school safety patrols.

Junior rifle teams: (hundreds). Examples: Post 2, Dover, Del., and Post 175, Chicago, Ill.

Coaster and soap box derbies: (hundreds). Example: Joint coaster derby of Post 24, Atlantic City and Post 346, Neptune, N. J.

Boys basketball teams: (hundreds). Example: Post 98, Piedmont, Ala.

Honoring students for good school work in addition to the national Legion school medal program. (hundreds). Example: Soda fountain treats for good students, Post 75, Sunnyslope, Ariz.

Regular teen-age dances for youngsters in Legion halls: (hundreds). Example: Post 128, Niantic, Conn.

Boys baseball in addition to the 16,000 American Legion Junior Baseball teams: (thousands). Outstanding examples: Post 56, Bloomington, Ill.; Post 38, Baton Rouge, La.: Post 1, Bismarck, N. Dak., Post 7, Hanau, Germany.

Special youth programs in juvenile delinquency areas of cities: (hundreds). None named here to avoid stigmatizing what are really positive programs of posts.

Youth bowling instruction and league sponsorship: (hundreds). Examples: Post 327, Shawnee, Kans., Post 55, Hannibal, Mo.

At this point, we call a stop, without having scratched the surface, but satisfied that by a few examples a glimpse has been had of the vastness of the achievements over 40 years when 17,000 posts applied their own initiative to broad, general principles that were aimed at contributing voluntarily to the development of American youth.

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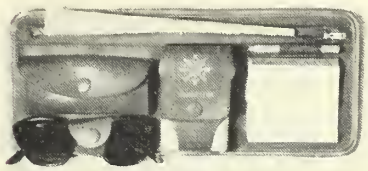

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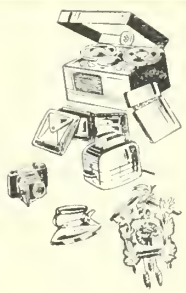

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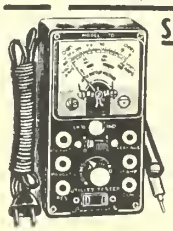

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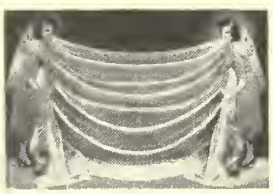

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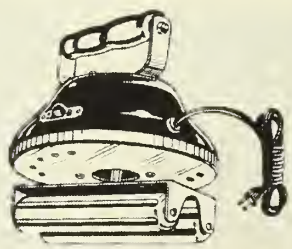

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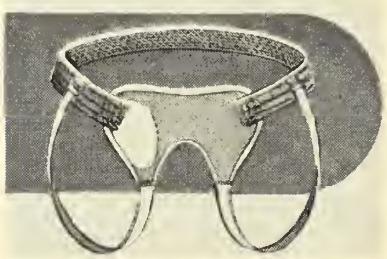

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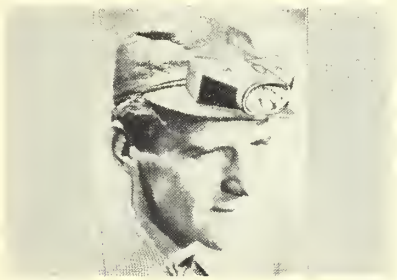

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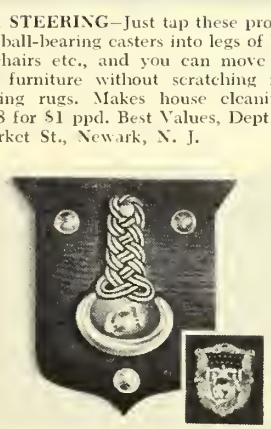

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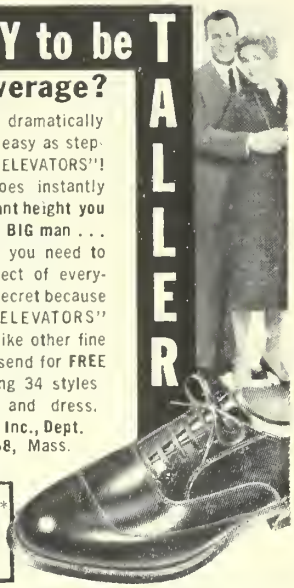

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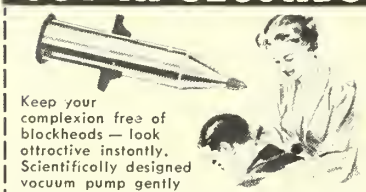

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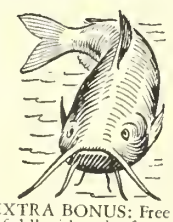

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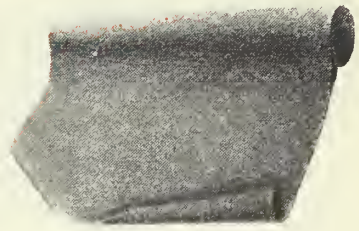

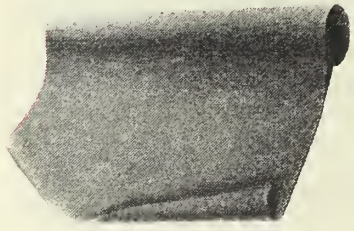

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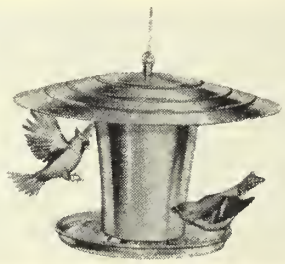

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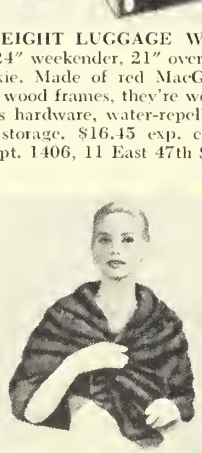

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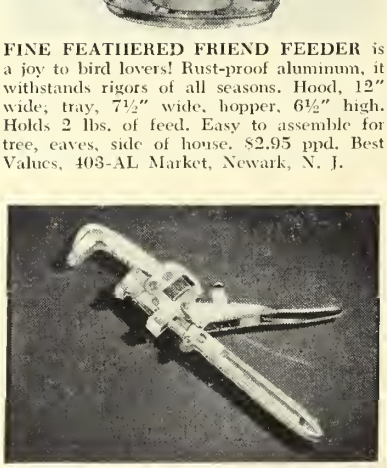

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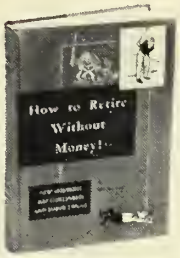

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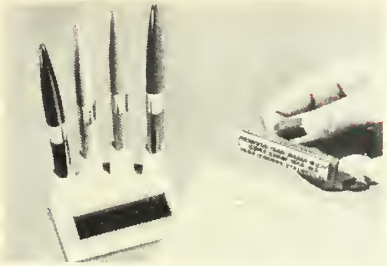

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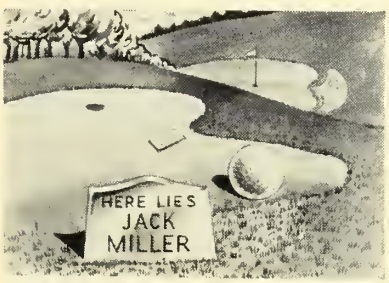

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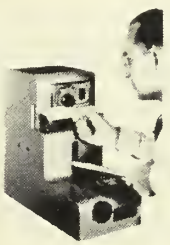

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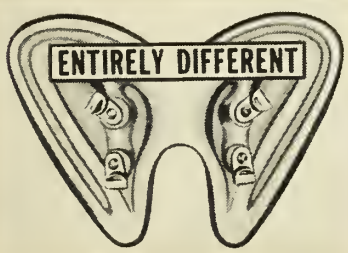

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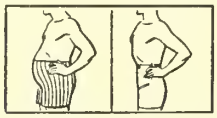

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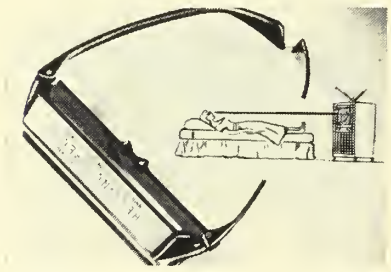

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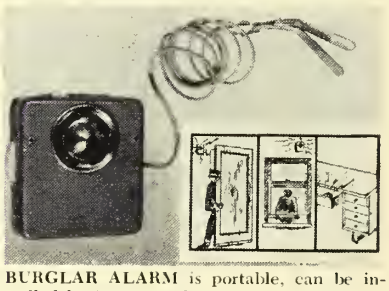

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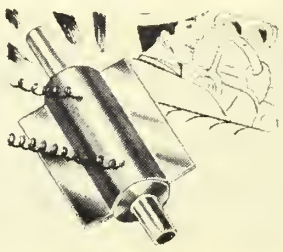

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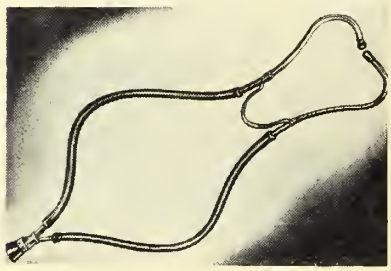

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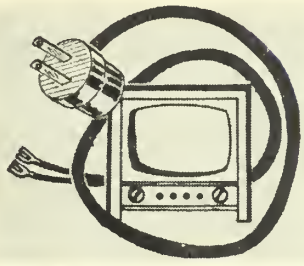

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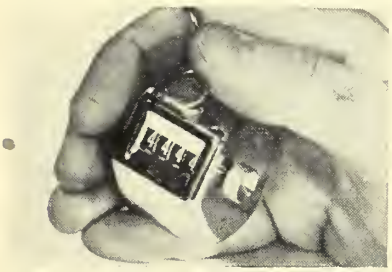

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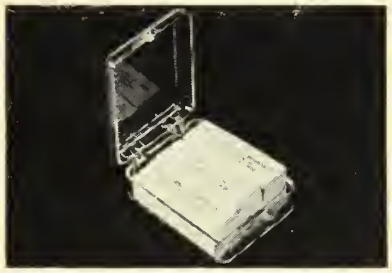

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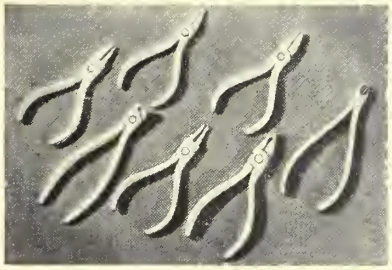

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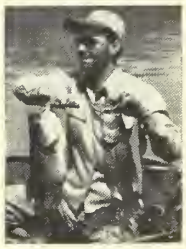

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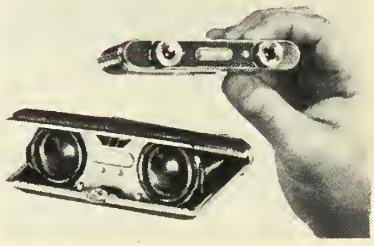

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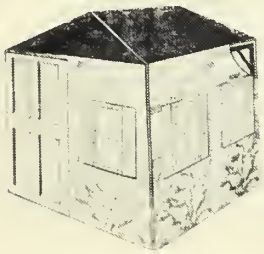

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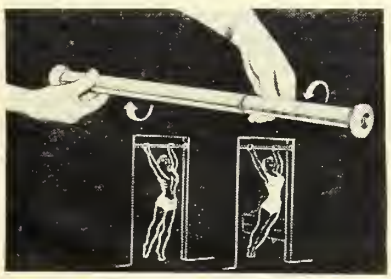

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— Jack Herbert

No Slaloms Here

Novice ski trail: a bunch of crazy, mixed-up skids.

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Stop, You're Where-ing Me Out!

Where *is this*, where *is that* –
Your venerable fishing hat,
The plumber's bill, your old diploma,
Your pipe with the built-in smog aroma,
The battered envelope that you parked
Beside the clock, all pencil-marked
With notes of vital, vast import.
Where, *oh*, where's *your head! In short,*
Must I go my whole life through
*Just a-*where-*ing for you?*

— Ethel Jacobson

Shorten The Cuffs, Please

What fellows who get too big for their breeches need is someone to kid the pants off them.

— Cy N. Peace

Happy Holiday

An Indiana woman tells this one on her husband.

Early last year, as hubby was starting to work one morning, mama followed him out onto the porch, and after gazing around a bit, casually inquired: "Do you know what day this is?"

Now this guy was no dummy. He wasn't about to be caught in this trap. So, he smiled knowingly, said not a word, and proceeded on his way to the office.

But all day long he racked his brain, trying to remember what was so significant about the day. He knew it wasn't their wedding anniversary, although he spent a few anxious moments before he checked it out with the office girl. And it wasn't his wife's birthday.

To be on the safe side, he stopped at the florist on the way home and purchased a dozen roses. He then stopped off at the candy store and bought a big box of chocolates. On arriving home, he breathlessly thrust these presents into his loving wife's arms and cried: "Thought I'd forgot, didn't you?"

After dinner he was sitting before the fireplace congratulating himself on having worked his way out of a difficult situation, when wifey suddenly threw her arms about his neck and exclaimed: "Dar'ng! I've never had such a happy Groundhog Day in all my life."

— Simon M. Schwartz

Hoboes By Any Other Name Would Smell

"We had beatniks in my day" the oldtimer said,
"Along with their unwashed friends;
But we didn't think that the lives they led
Had sociological trends.
We said, in our dully practical way,
That these various beatnik crumbs
Were then – the same as they are today –
Simply a buncha bums!"

— Berton Braley

Reminiscing

OLD MAN: One who sits and dreams of dames gone by.

— Howie Lasseter

Having It Rough

Two men were discussing the tough neighborhoods in which they'd grown up.

"Listen," declared one, "my neighborhood was so rugged that any cat there with a tail was a tourist."

— Harold Helfer

Almost Always

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